

This meeting due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic was held as a virtual meeting. Adhering to Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s executive orders during the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:06 p.a.m.

Present Remote: David Heeres attending from the Banks Township Offices, Ellsworth, MI
Joshua Watrous attending from home Bellaire, MI
Karen Bary attending from home Milton Township
Ed Boettcher attending from home Elk Rapids Township
Terry VanAlstine attending from home Bellaire, MI
Brenda Ricksgers attending from home Alden MI
Dawn LaVanway attending from office East Jordan, MI
Jason Helwig attending from office Bellaire, MI
Christian Marcus attending from office Elmira, MI

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The Chairman requested Invocation: Moment of Silence.

The Chairman addressed the Board and public attending the Zoom virtual meeting by video and/or phone. Deputy Administrator, Jeremy Scott will assist with public comment by screening the public in order of attendance by calling out phone numbers and addressing those in attendance. Deputy Administrator, Jeremy Scott will assist Board members that experience technical difficulties.

The Chairman requested Public comment. Deputy Administrator, Jeremy Scott called on all public via video and phone in order by attendance. Jamie Houserman, Antrim County Equalization Director, Bellaire MI and Sue Cooper, Mancelona Water and Sewer, Mancelona MI both addressed the Board to inform them that they are available for questions during meeting for agenda items that affect their departments. Public comment closed at 9:10 a.m.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Watrous, that the Board approve the agenda as revised. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting as corrected. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

COMMUNICATIONS:

County Administrator, Peter Garwood addressed the Board on a memo he received regarding a Historical document that involves the Antrim County Park Manager.

LIAISON REPORTS:

Commissioner VanAlstine – Grass River Natural Area and Village of Bellaire updates
Commissioner LaVanway – A. C. Community Collaborative, A.C. Road Commission and A.C. Planning Commission updates
Commissioner Bary – Health Department NW MI update
Commissioner Ricksgers – Commission on Aging update
County Administrator – Correspondence from Shelly Meeder on behalf of the Mancelona Public Schools supporting the proposed Reduction of Interest Resolution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Bary – Parks and Recreation Plan subcommittee update

RESOLUTION #24 - 2020, By Christian Marcus, seconded by Terry VanAlstine

RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT REGISTER OF DEEDS SHALL BE THE ABTRACTOR

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners chose to establish an Abstract Department as authorized through P.A. 378 of 1921 to make, establish and maintain a system of abstracts of title to all lands in Antrim County; to make and sell abstracts of title and furnish information concerning the condition of titles to such lands and charge fees therefor; to employ persons to keep and maintain such systems of abstracts; to do all things necessary to carry on the general business of making and furnishing abstracts of title to all lands in Antrim County; and to prescribe penalties and provide remedies, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intend to continue to maintain the County’s records on lands and properties within the County dating back to the 1800s, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners at their November 5, 2020 meeting voted to place the duties of the Abstractor with the Register of Deeds as they are authorized to do under PA 378 of 1921.

RESOLVED, that the Abstractor shall continue all services and complete all recordings through December 31, 2020 and as of January 1, 2021, it will henceforth be the duty of the Register of Deeds:

- (a) To keep and maintain a system of indexes and abstracts up to date within a reasonable amount of time, in every particular, promptly entering upon the records of said system every deed, mortgage, release, discharge, attachment, lien, sale, lis pendens, agreement or other transaction appearing on the records of Antrim County in any manner affecting the title to any of the lands in Antrim County;
- (b) To promptly make and deliver abstracts of title to any lands in the County which may at any time be ordered and to collect the fees therefore which may be fixed and established by the Board of Commissioners;
- (c) To promptly furnish information concerning the condition of title to any such lands to any person inquiring therefore and collect such fees as established by the Board of Commissioners;

(d) To turn over all moneys received to the Antrim County Treasurer at the end of each month with an itemized statement of all receipts which statement shall remain on file in the office of the County Treasurer;

(e) To provide to all Antrim County departments, their employees and their contractors free and full access to property records, tracts and indexes by way of book, software and other storage media for internal County use only and upon the signing of a memorandum of understanding.

(f) To provide services to the public as the information source for questions and concerns involving title searches and abstracts, grantor – grantee index, and the tract index.

(g) To provide the above services while adhering to all Board of Commissioners approved county policies.

FURTHER RESOLVED, in support of the verity and accuracy of the abstracts made and sold as required by PA 378 of 1921:

(a) That the faith and credit of the County shall be pledged to the verity and accuracy of the abstracts;

(b) That the Register of Deeds acting as Abstractor shall be covered by a blanket bond of a responsible company or association assuring the verity and accuracy of all abstracts to be issued by the Abstractor during his or her office. Any additional policy determined to be necessary will be paid out of net proceeds;

(c) Each abstract shall have attached a signed certificate that all conveyances and other matters of record in the public offices of the County affecting the title to the property covered by the abstract are correctly set forth in the abstract.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that there will be no additional compensation offered for these duties, which will in no way affect the compensation, raises or benefits set by the Board of Commissioners for the Register of Deeds.

Yes – David Heeres, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus;
No – Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Brenda Ricksgers;
Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #24-2020 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Discussion followed. Memo of Understanding (MOU)

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Marcus, that the Board approve and pay Claims and Accounts totaling **\$62,979.90** ~~\$62,976.90~~. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

BOC CORRECTION 12/17/2020

The Chairman made the appointment of Laura Foerster to the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan Board of Directors to fill the 1-year term expiring on December 31, 2021.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Bargy, that the Board accept the Chairman’s appointment of Laura Foerster to fill the 1-year term expiring on December 31, 2021 on the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan Board of Directors. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of David Heeres to the Antrim County Construction Code Appeals Board to fill the 2-year term expiring on December 31, 2022.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointment of David Heeres to fill the 2-year term expiring December 31, 2022 on the Antrim County Construction Code Board of Appeals. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None; Abstained – Heeres.

The Chairman made the appointments of Rick Teague and Beverly McCammen to the Antrim County Commission on Aging Advisory Board to fill the 3-year terms expiring on December 31, 2023.

Moved by Ricksgers, seconded by Bargy, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointments of Rick Teague and Beverly McCammen to fill the 3-year terms expiring on December 31, 2023 on the Antrim County Commission on Aging Advisory Board. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of Fred Hunt to the Antrim County Road Commission to fill the 6-year term expiring on December 31, 2026.

NO ACTION TAKEN

The Chairman made the appointment of Roger Simon to the Antrim County Veterans Affairs Committee to fill the 4-year term expiring on December 31, 2024.

Moved by Heeres, seconded by Bargy, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointment of Roger Simon to fill the 4-year term expiring December 31, 2024 to the Antrim County Veterans Affairs Committee. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of Alissa Winters to the Antrim County Veterans Affairs Committee to fill the partial term expiring on December 31, 2023.

Moved by Bargy, seconded by Marcus, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointment of Alissa Winters to the partial term expiring on December 31, 2023 to the Antrim County Veterans Committee. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – VanAlstine, LaVanway, Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of Mark Becmer to the Antrim County E911 Board to fill the 3-year term expiring December 31, 2023.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by LaVanway, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointment of Mark Becmer to fill the 3-year term expiring on December 31, 2023 to the Antrim County E911 Board. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of John Meeske and Kathy Peterson to the Antrim County Economic Development Corporation to fill the 6-year terms expiring on December 31, 2026.

Moved by Heeres, seconded by Bargy, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointments of John Meeske and Kathy Peterson to fill the 6-year terms expiring on December 31, 2026 to the Antrim County Economic Development Corporation. Roll call as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – Watrous, VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of Curtis Myers to the Friends of Glacial Hills Recreation Board.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Marcus, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointment of Curtis Myers to the Friends of Glacial Hills Recreation Board. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of Rick Teague to the Department of Health and Human Services Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility Governing Board to fill the partial term expiring October 31, 2022.

Moved by Helwig, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointment of Rick Teague to fill the partial term expiring on October 31, 2022 to the Department of Health and Human Services Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility Governing Board. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of Fred Harris to the Department of Health and Human Services Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility Governing Board to fill the 3-year term expiring on October 31, 2023.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Watrous, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointment of Fred Harris to fill the 3-year term expiring on October 31, 2023 on the Department of Health & Human Services Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility Governing Board. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of Caroline Loper and Gary Knapp to the North Country Community Mental Health Board to fill the 3-year terms expiring on March 31, 2023.

Moved by Helwig, seconded by VanAlstine, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointments of Caroline Loper and Gary Knapp to fill the 3-year terms expiring on March 31, 2023 to the North Country Community Mental Health Board. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointments of Sheridan Rhoads and Juliette McAvoy to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance of Directors to fill the 2-year terms expiring on December 31, 2022.

Moved by Marcus, seconded by Bargy, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointments of Sheridan Rhoads and Juliette McAvoy to fill the 2-year terms expiring on December 31, 2022 to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board of Directors. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – Heeres, Watrous, VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of Ron Tschudy to the Antrim County Planning Commission to fill the 3-year term expiring on December 31, 2023.

Moved by Helwig, seconded by Barga, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointment of Ron Tschudy to fill the 3-year term expiring December 31, 2023 on the Antrim County Planning Commission. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

The Chairman made the appointment of Dorance Amos to the Antrim County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board to fill the 3-year term expiring on December 31, 2023.

Moved by Barga, seconded by Marcus, that the Board accept the Chairman's appointment of Dorance Amos to fill the 3-year term expiring on December 31, 2023 on the Antrim County Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Moved by Barga, seconded by Heeres, that the Board authorize the Remonumentation Program Administrator to sign the application for the 2021 Survey and Remonumentation Grant totaling \$36,180 and approve submission of the application. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Moved by Barga, seconded by Heeres, that the Board authorize the Remonumentation Program Administrator to execute the 2021 Survey Remonumentation Grant No. BCC 21-05 Agreement with the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs with a total authorized budget of \$36,180. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Moved by LaVanway, seconded by Helwig, that the Board accept a damage payment from ITC Holdings in the amount of \$ 13,159.60 for the removal of trees on Antrim County Forest Land located on Alba Road and M66 and funds to be deposited into the Forestry Fund. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Kirk Acharya, Antrim County Conservation District (CAKE CISMA) addressed the Board to request a waiver of the \$100.00 fee for Plat digital parcel boundary data.

Moved by Helwig, seconded by VanAlstine, that the Board waive the \$100.00 fee for the Plat digital parcel boundary data for Antrim Conservation District. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

Moved by Helwig, seconded by Marcus that the Board go into closed session to consult with its attorney regarding trial strategy in connection with specific pending litigation of Case #20-9238-CZ, filed in the 13th Circuit Court with the County Administrator, County Clerk, County Deputy Administrator invited to participate in the closed session. Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Barga, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None, Absent – None.

The Deputy Administrator, Jeremy Scott addressed the Board on closing the regular meeting via Zoom and entering the Closed Session meeting via Zoom.

- Members logged out of the regular meeting at 11:10a.m.
- Closed session – all members present from 11:18 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
- Members logged back into the regular meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Commissioner Bargy requested that the County Attorney remain on the call to address the Proposed contract from Lexipol for purchase of subscription and professional services for Sheriff Department regarding liability. County attorney answered questions of members.

RESOLUTION #25-2020 By Jason Helwig, seconded by Dawn LaVanway

**RESOLUTION FOR REDUCTION OF INTEREST ON THE RECOVERY OF
DELINQUENT TAXES FROM TAXING AUTHORITIES.**

WHEREAS, Under Public Act 206 of 1893, The Board of Commissioners may establish by resolution a rate of interest lower than 0% per month or fraction of a month under MCL 211.87f(2) unless borrowing was used to provide funds for those payments;

RESOLVED, that the interest rate to be collected from the taxing authorities on uncollected delinquent property taxes be 0 % per month or fraction of a month.

Yes – David Heeres, Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers, Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus;

No – None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #25-2020 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Moved by Bargy, seconded by Helwig, that the Board authorize the Chair to execute a contract for the purchase of a subscription and professional services from Lexipol for 2021 that addresses policies and procedures, training, and records for the Sheriff Road and Corrections operations at a cost of \$23,539.50, and to approve a 2020 budget amendment as follows:

- 101000-301-865.000 – Gas and oil (17,539.50)
- 101000-301-851.000 – Radio maintenance (6,000.00)
- 101000-301-805.015 – Computer software 23,539.50

Roll call vote as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig; No – Watrous, Marcus; Absent – None.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Bargy, that the Board approve the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendums for the Sheriff Department – Division 20, General Dial a Ride – Division 10, and the General – Division 01 pension groups, and the MERS Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement Addendum for the Sheriff/General Dial a Ride/General Hybrid group – Division HA, with an effective date for all four addendums of January 1, 2021. Roll call as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Chairman asked the Board to postpone the proposed motion to authorize the Board Chairman to execute an agreement with the Department of Health & Human Services for Regional Detention Support Services, contract number MA200000001365, to expire September 30, 2023.

There were no objections stated and motion POSTPONED to next Board meeting.

RESOLUTION #26 - 2020, by Karen Bargy, seconded by David Heeres

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ANTRIM COUNTY DESIGNATED ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on September 16, 2020, and reviewed the request to initiate an Interlocal Agreement naming the Antrim County Equalization Director, Jamie Houserman, who is an individual qualified and certified by the State Tax Commission as a Master Assessing Officer, to be the County Designated Assessor for Antrim County.

WHEREAS, This Interlocal Agreement, by and between the County of Antrim, a political subdivision of the State of Michigan (hereinafter referred to as the "County"), and Banks Township, Central Lake Township, Kearney Township, Forest Home Township, Helena Township, Milton Township, Torch Lake Township, Echo Township, Chestonia Township, Custer Township, Warner Township, Star Township, Mancelona Township, Jordan Township and Elk Rapids Township each a political subdivision of the State of Michigan (each hereinafter referred to as an "Assessing District", and collectively referred to as the "Assessing Districts"), is entered into pursuant to the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, Public Act 7 of 1967 (Ex. Sess.), as amended, MCL 124.501 *et seq.*, and the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended by Public Act 660 of 2018, MCL 211.10g, for the purpose of designating an individual to serve as the County's Designated Assessor.

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCL 211.10g(4), every County shall have a Designated Assessor on file with the State Tax Commission as of December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The County Designated Assessor is designated by an Interlocal Agreement executed between the County Board of Commissioners and a majority of the Assessing Districts in the County; and

WHEREAS, the individual designated as the County's Designated Assessor must be approved by the State Tax Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, THAT THE COUNTY OF ANTRIM approves the Interlocal Agreement naming the Antrim County Equalization Director, Jamie Houserman, who is an individual qualified and certified by the State Tax Commission as a Master Assessing Officer, to be the County Designated Assessor for Antrim County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Chairman to effectuate the necessary documents to implement the Antrim County Board authorized action.

Yes – David Heeres, Joshua Watrous, Karen Bargy, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Ricksgers, Dawn LaVanway, Jason Helwig, Christian Marcus;

No – None;

Absent – None.

RESOLUTION #26-2020 DECLARED ADOPTED.

Moved by Bargy, seconded by Heeres, that the Board approve amendments to the current contract with Jamie Houserman and Allison Thompson to perform the work of the Equalization Director and Deputy Director, by including the duties of the County Designated Assessor and extending it three additional years, beginning May 1, 2020 at a rate of \$116,000 annually (\$9,666.67 per month) through April 30, 2022, and with a 1.5% increase for each of the following three (3) years after (May 1, 2022-April 30, 2023/ May 1, 2023-April 30, 2024/ May 1, 2024-September 30, 2025). Roll call as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – Watrous, VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

ORIGINAL MOTION

Moved by Helwig, seconded by Marcus, that the Board authorize the Chairman to execute an extension of the Heritage Sustainable Energy, LLC option to purchase County-owned land with the new expiration date of July 1, 2021.

Discussion followed.

Helwig and Marcus, withdrew motion and second.

The Chairman **TABLED.**

Moved by Helwig, seconded by Bargy, that the Board approve the COVID-19 Service Agreement between Antrim County and Mike Baker as a COVID Test Provider for the performance of in-house testing for Antrim County Employees with amendments to Item 2. c. and that Mr. Baker provide proof of liability insurance. Roll call as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – LaVanway; Absent – None.

Moved by Helwig, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board authorize the creation of a full-time Clerk II position in the Equalization Department and approve a 2021 budget amendment increasing line item 101000-257-705.000 by \$25,480. Roll call as follows: Yes – Heeres, Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – Watrous, VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Helwig, that the Board go into closed session to discuss the tentative agreement between the County bargaining committee (management) and the Teamsters Local 214 General Bargaining Unit committee with the County Administrator, HR Director, Clerk, Deputy Administrator, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff invited to participate in the meeting. Roll call as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

The Deputy Administrator, Jeremy Scott addressed the Board on closing the regular meeting via Zoom and entering the Closed Session meeting via Zoom.

- Members logged out of the regular meeting at 1:59 p.m.
- Closed session with all members present from 2:00 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.
- Members logged back into the regular meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Helwig, that the Board approve ratification of the tentative Agreement between the Teamsters Local 214 – Antrim County General Bargaining Unit Employees for a three-year period, January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2023, and that the Finance Director be authorized to make all budget amendments to General Fund and Other Funds associated with listed employees and the funding source be the 2021 General Fund, Contingencies (101-895-999.000) and fund balance for Other Funds. Roll call as follows: Yes – Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – Heeres; Absent – None.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by Marcus, that the Board approve a 2.8% increase in wages and salaries for the 2021 calendar year for the unrepresented employees including: General/Probate/Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney staff, Finance Director, and County Administrator and staff; All unrepresented part-time and seasonal employees (COA, Veterans, Maintenance, ACT, Parks, Cooks, Zero Tolerance, Civil Process Servers, Court Officers, Court Security, Marine and Snowmobile employees) and Elected Officials (excluding the Board of Commissioners), and that the Finance Director be authorized to make all budget amendments to General Fund and Other Funds associated with listed employees and the funding source be the 2021 General Fund, Contingencies (101-895-999.000) and fund balance for Other Funds. Roll call as follows: Yes –VanAlstine, LaVanway, Marcus; No – Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig; Absent – None. **MOTION FAILED**

Moved by Bary, seconded by Ricksgers, that the Board approve a 3% increase in wages and salaries for the 2021 calendar year for the unrepresented employees including: General/Probate/Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney staff, Finance Director, and County Administrator and staff; All unrepresented part-time and seasonal employees (COA, Veterans, Maintenance, ACT, Parks, Cooks, Zero Tolerance, Civil Process Servers, Court Officers, Court Security, Marine and Snowmobile employees) and Elected Officials (excluding the Board of Commissioners), and that the Finance Director be authorized to make all budget amendments to General Fund and Other Funds associated with listed employees and the funding source be the 2021 General Fund, Contingencies (101-895-999.000) and fund balance for Other Funds. Roll call as follows: Yes –Bary, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No – Heeres, Watrous, VanAlstine, LaVanway; Absent – None.

REPORTS:

County Administrator, Peter Garwood addressed the Board with his report.

Discussion followed. Board member questions and input.

Finance Director, report offered by County Administrator, Peter Garwood.

Moved by VanAlstine, seconded by LaVanway, that the Board approve rolling the Elk Rapids roof replacement and hatch installation to 2021, extend the contract due to material shortages due to COVID-19, and approve the associated budget amendments as follows:

- 2020: 582000-901-980.000 (45,427)
- 2021: 582000-901-980.000 45,427

Roll call as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Moved by Helwig, seconded by Bargy, that the Board approve a budget amendment and transfer of the grant award of the Medical Marijuana Operation and Oversight Grant to the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. The budget amendment is as follows:

- 216000-000-564.001 Revenue – From State 12,253
- 216000-966-956.004 Appropriation – Health Department 12,253

Roll call as follows: Yes – Heeres, Watrous, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No – None; Absent – None.

Chairman Report – Commissioner Boettcher

- Remote meetings to continue thru 2020.
- Requested that the members use caution when addressing applicants seeking appointments to various Boards, Committees and Commissions.
- Requested that Board members respect our employees, the next Chair of the Board and one another.

VARIOUS MATTERS:

Commissioner Marcus recommended that the County Clerk and Board reaffirm to voters that all data from the election is preserved and that no data had been deleted.

Commissioner Bargy: TABLED

Commissioner Ricksgers: Organizational meeting.

Commissioner LaVanway: DNR/A.C. Road Commission (Penny Bridge Road)

Commissioner Marcus: Sign posted and removed Penny Bridge Road

The Chairman requested Public Comment. The Deputy Administrator addressed the public via the zoom webinar each caller in order as entered the meeting. Randy Bishop resident of Kewadin, (Torch Lake Township) addressed the Board to demand that they meet in person and stop Zoom meeting and that the Board get rid of the Dominion Voting equipment. Jarris Rubingh resident of Ellsworth, (Banks Township) addressed the Board to inform them that he is listening to Board meeting to gain knowledge and learn about the Board prior to taking office to serve as Commissioner for District #1 in 2021. Public Comment closed at 2:38 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Chairman, Edgar Boettcher, III

County Clerk, Sheryl Guy