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**June 2022**

**County Employment Opportunities-**

- Antrim County Transportation-Mechanic (FT)
- Commission On Aging- Homemaker (PT)
- Commission On Aging-CENA (PT)
- Commission On Aging-Cook (FT)
- Commission On Aging-Site Coordinator (PT)
- MSU-Secretary-(PT)
- Parks Ranger-Seasonal
- Sheriff's Office-Animal Control Officer-(PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Assistant Cook-Jail (PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Civil Process -2 (PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Corrections-4 (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-Marine Officer-seasonal
- Sheriff's Office-Road Deputy- (FT)

**Household Hazardous Waste 2022-**

ERG Environmental will be doing HHW this year. The next date is:

Saturday, **June 11<sup>th</sup>** 8 a.m. to noon (Elk Rapids) DPW Station, 117 Lake Street

Saturday, **July 16<sup>th</sup>** 8 a.m. to noon (Bellaire) High School Parking Lot, 204 W. Forest Home Ave.

Questions call 231-533-8363 ext.7

Victoria Williams was hired and will start as the office person for Antrim Conservation District at end of May. She will be responsible for office communications, soil erosion administrative assistance, program deliver items and other duties in the office.

**Firefighting training-**

Antrim County will act as the fiduciary for between the County and South Torch Lake Fire Department for firefighting training within the County. This money comes from a fireworks State fund available to train firefighters. The chief of South Torch Lake Fire Department is head of organizing the training.

### **Maintenance of Facilities-**

Courthouse entranceway doors (4) will be purchased through S.A. Morman Co. and installed for a total of \$48,450.

First floor flooring will be replaced and installed at the County building as well as at the Senior Center main hall in Bellaire through River City Flooring at a cost of \$52,528.

A John Deere 52" quick-hitch rotary broom from the Work N Play Shop will be purchased for the Maintenance Department for \$2,347.

**Progressive AE**, an engineering firm, will evaluate the integrity of the façade system on the outside of the county building as well as the structure inside of the building to identify options to address concerns and provide conceptual cost estimates for a total of \$9,425.

Stanley Steamer will be doing HVAC duct cleaning in the jail due to the extensive heating and cooling system, (they were not cleaned for the past 31 years) for a cost of \$21,750.

### **Facilities Audit-**

AJ Hale, Jr. CompOne (workers' compensation representative) presented the results of the County's CompOne Facilities Audit regarding OSHA requirements for staffing to the board.

### **Probate Court staffing-**

William Hefferan, current Probate Court Administrator will be retiring on June 3, 2022. Judge Hayes is promoting 22 year employee Teresa Ankney to Court Administrator and 3 year employee Heather Bootz to CJO/Case Manager.

### **Dispatch supervisor-**

The board approved a dispatch supervisor for night shift that the Sheriff Department recommended. This will reduce the number of employees in the dispatch by one to increase the number of employees in the lead dispatch supervisor classification. The positions of 911 go through 22 weeks of training and having dispatch supervisors available 24/7 was discussed during negotiations.

### **Bellaire Dam-**

Mark Stone, Antrim County Operator of Dams/Drain Commissioner discussed the inspection reported from 2021. The water study is being finalized by the Army Corp of Engineers and planned to be presented July 12<sup>th</sup> to the public with location to be determined.

Due to dam failures in mid-Michigan recently, insurance underwriters are pulling out of the provision of re-insurance on dams. They still have an underwriter that will provide some insurance, but a qualified engineering firm will have to evaluate both County dams (Bellaire and Elk Rapids) and come up with a value for the insurance underwriters to

insure the actual structure only. Mark Stone, Dams operator was given the go ahead to hire Spicer Engineering on an emergency basis and will provide the County with the required dam values prior to July 1, 2022 so the structures can be insured.

**Lease agreement-**

A commercial lease agreement was approved with the Township of Mancelona on behalf of the Antrim County Commission on Aging for the Mancelona Senior Center (Meal Site) Building for a 5 year contract.

**Tax rate-**

After much discussion, the board approved of the following L4029 tax form:

General Fund	voted	8/2020	5.4000	approved	<b>5.0500</b>
COA	voted	8/2020	.4000		<b>.2550</b>
Meadowbrook	voted	8/2010	1.0000		<b>1.0000</b>
E911	voted	11/2017	.5000		<b>.5000</b> (up Aug. 2022)
Conservation Distr.	voted	8/2020	.1000		<b>.1000</b>
Recycling	voted	8/2020	.2500		<b>.1710</b>

This total tax cut is roughly 1 million dollars.

**Lawsuit-**

Randy Bishop has filed a lawsuit against Antrim County. He is suing the County Clerk, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff and every commissioner individually and in each official capacity as an elected official in circuit court for alleged wrongful conduct of Antrim County officials and election officials revolving around the Presidential Election for 2020 and wants 1 million dollars or more.

**Commissioner election-**

I will be running again for County Commissioner of the new District #5 (Jordan, Echo, Chestonia, Warner, Star and the east side of Mancelona Township).

My current District #7 (Jordan, Echo, Chestonia, and Warner Township) and District #9 (Star and Mancelona Township) were combined into District #5 due to redistricting.

The election will be decided on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 in the primary election as you will only be able to vote straight Republican or Democrat. I am running Republican.

I have enjoyed working for the people of District #7 and will continue to work for the taxpayers of Antrim County to stand up for our constitutional rights and individual freedoms if re-elected. If you would want to support me by putting a sign in your yard let me know.