

Antrim County
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County Employment Opportunities

- Commission On Aging- Homemaker (PT)
- Commission On Aging-CENA (FT)
- Commission On Aging-Cook (FT)
- Commission On Aging-Site Coordinator (PT)
- Maintenance-custodian (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-Animal Control Officer-(PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Civil Process (PT) (2 positions)
- Sheriff's Office-Corrections (FT) (3 positions)
- Sheriff's Office-Dispatcher (FT) (2 positions)
- Sheriff's Office-Road Deputy – (FT) (3 position)

Full time jail cook-

The part-time jail cook position has been open and advertised for over a year, with no credible applicants. The County hoped to increase the position to a second full-time position to encourage more individuals to apply. A person was hired the next week but we were not informed of who it was.

Moved by Helwig, seconded by Bargy, to approve increasing the part-time cook in the jail to a full time cook position and authorize the appropriate budget amendment. Yes-Bargy, Boettcher, Ricksgers, Helwig, Marcus; No-Rubingh and LaVanway; Absent-Watrous and VanAlstine.

Antrim County Committee Vacancies-

The County is seeking notice of interest for positions on committees. You can find all openings at https://www.antrimcounty.org/news_detail_T2_R34.php. The deadline to apply is October 20th.

Sale of County Building-

The County Maltby building (Nifty Thrifty) will be for sale with Dave Ciganick as the realtor and will be paid out of the proceeds of the sale in which the property was listed at \$129,900. The County received 4 offers on the building.

County Admin Building-

Moved by LaVanway, and seconded by Helwig, that the Board approve and authorize the Administrator, Maintenance Director, Finance Director, and Chairman to work with the architect to select a construction management firm for the County building facade replacement project, and authorize the Chair to execute a contract with the selected construction management firm. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Bary, Boettcher, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Helwig; No – None; Absent –Watrous, Ricksgers, Marcus.

Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP)-

Leslie Meyers, Emergency Service Coordinator has created a draft plan to follow if a natural hazard or disaster should happen within the County. Creating and updating hazard mitigation plans follows a defined process of identifying hazards within the county, analyzing the risks posed by those hazards, establishing priorities for addressing those risks, and choosing specific actions that will mitigate those risks. Under the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA), state and local governments are required to adopt a state or local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP) approved by FEMA in order to qualify for federal hazard mitigation project grants. Hazard mitigation plans are valid for five years from the date of FEMA approval. You can find the current plan at the following:

https://cms5.revize.com/revize/antrim/plans_policies/plans/Natural%20Hazards%20Mitigation%20Plan%202015.pdf. The draft plan is on my website as an attachment under county reports.

Business Connector Series-

The Antrim County Economic Development Corporation will be hosting a Business Connector Series on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 10 a.m. via a zoom webinar. Presenters will be Housing North and Northern Michigan Community Action Agency. Link is at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWdhvEA5W_Y&t=20s.

PFN Letter of Support-

The County was asked by Peninsula Fiber Network for a letter of support for a grant to install middle mile broadband.

Moved by Bary, and seconded by Boettcher, that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to sign the letter of support to PFN for their grant application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for their Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program grant, as amended. Motion carried as follows: Yes-Rubingh, Bary, Boettcher, Ricksgers, LaVanway, Helwig, Marcus; No-None; Absent-Watrous and VanAlstine.

Sale of County vehicles-

Three ACT busses and a car sold for a total of \$32,007 on GovDeals last month. One of the ACT vans was assigned to the Emergency Services Department. It will pull the new Emergency Services trailer and can be used to transport a group of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members.

Barnes Park-

Moved by Bargy, and seconded by Boettcher, that the Board approve an expenditure of \$120,000. for playground equipment at Barnes Park. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, Helwig; No – Rubingh, LaVanway; Absent – Watrous, Ricksgers, Marcus.

County Snow plowing-

Moved by Boettcher, and seconded by Helwig, that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute a 2-year contract (2022-2023 and 2023-2024) with Bert's Excavating Inc. to provide snowplowing and snow removal for Antrim County facilities in the amount of \$38,000.00 per year. Motion carried as follows: Yes – Rubingh, Bargy, Boettcher, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Helwig; No – None; Absent – Watrous, Marcus, Ricksgers.

Tractor Tires-

Tractor Tire Recycling Event: The Grand Traverse Conservation District has organized a FREE event for recycling collection of old or unwanted agriculture and tractor tires that are not included in the standard tire collection recycling events. This event is scheduled for **Friday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Traverse Bay Area Career Tech Center (880 Parsons Road)** in Traverse City. The event is open to agricultural producers and agribusiness operators from Grand Traverse, Benzie, Leelanau, and Antrim Counties. For more information visit the Grand Traverse Conservation District's website, or contact Samantha Wolf by email (swolfe@gtcd.org) or by calling (231)941-0960.