

Antrim County
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County Employment Opportunities

- Administration-Administrative Assistant (FT)
- Antrim County Transportation-Driver (PT)
- Commission On Aging-CENA (PT)
- Commission On Aging- Homemaker (PT)
- Commission on Aging-Meal Site Coordinator (PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Civil Process (PT) (2 positions)
- Sheriff's Office-Deputy (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-Corrections (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-Dispatcher- (FT)
- Veteran Affairs Director-(FT)

Veterans Affairs-

Motion by LaVanway, second by Helwig to authorize the Chair to execute the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency FY 2024 County Veterans Service Fund Grant Agreement (\$67,155) for the grant period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024 and to authorize the Finance Director to make budget amendments. Yes-Rubingh, Hefferan, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Helwig, No-None.

County Building Façade-

Progressive AE and Spence Brothers are making good progress on exterior demolition as the exterior walls are gone on much of the building. The new exterior framing installation with sheathing are going on. The project is right on task with the timeline.

At the end of the 6-8 months long renovation project, the Building Dept. will move downstairs in previous Register of Deeds office permanently.

Health Dept. Building Renovations:

The Sheriff Departments road patrol and undersheriff offices will be relocated to half of the current Health Department building in Bellaire. Renovations began on June 14th and is expected to conclude into October. The interior framing is complete and drywall is installed with carpet ordered and painting inside walls to begin.

Public Safety Center (new jail)-

The Village of Bellaire passed the initial resolution necessary to vacate Grove Street.

GVSU is mailing survey postcards to determine if there is support for the public funding of a new Center. If there is support via a millage, the County will start proceedings to finalize the vacation of Grove Street which will be a long legal process.

A Public Safety Center webpage has been created to keep everyone informed on https://www.antrimcounty.org/departments_services/administration_planning/public_safety_center/index.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT-

The health department website <https://www.nwhealth.org/boh.html> has minutes, video taped board meetings, and board packets for transparency of all their meetings.

Rubingh made a motion to remove the \$2,154,658 in Covid funding that is detailed in the budget and replace it with zeros. Seconded by Mason. Yes: Turnbull, Rubingh, and Mason. No: Hankins, Ahrens, LaVanway, Chamberlain and Mapes. Motion failed.

Rubingh made a motion to remove the \$70,000 Harm Reduction Services Syringe Service Program from the fiscal year 2024 budget. Second by Mason. Yes: Mason, Turnbull, Rubingh, Hankins. No: LaVanway, Chamberlain, Mapes, and Ahrens. Motion failed.

Motion by LaVanway, second by Chamberlain to approve the FY 24 budget. Yes: LaVanway, Chamberlain, Hankins, Mapes, and Ahrens. No: Rubingh, Turnbull and Mason

The budget from the past three years:

	HDNW Budget	Dental Clinics North Budget	Total
FY 22	\$18,654,378	\$12,432,492	\$31,086,870
FY 23	\$19,895,691	\$14,158,692	\$34,054,383
FY 24	\$19,568,660	\$14,825,369	\$34,394,029

The increase in FY 24 was due to dental providing services (they didn't provide during Covid), more services than ever before due to lists waiting because no dental during covid, now health dept. is fully staffed and now have mental health professionals in schools which caused the increase from FY22 to FY23. Last year's board approved of increases for wages and that is the difference from FY23 to FY24.

911 Communication Tower-

The Forest Home Township planning commission will review the site plan and approve of it. A public hearing is required by township in October.

Barnes Park Update-

Halloween @ the Park is Saturday, October 7th. Food trucks, trick or treating, campsite decorating contest. Campsites are reserve able on <http://campspot.com> Trick or treating is open to the public.

Grass River Natural Area-

Moved by LaVanway, seconded by VanAlstine, the Board approve the Contract for Construction of a Small Project between Antrim County and the chosen Grass River Natural Area (GRNA) boardwalk contractor's contingent on the State's approval of the bidders. Motion carried as follows: Yes- Rubingh, Hefferan, VanAlstine, LaVanway, No-None; Absent-Helwig.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority-

Recent brownfield legislation from the state allows certain types of housing developments to qualify as eligible projects. The developer is interested in using this new legislation to construct the Bellaire Flats on Bellaire Hwy. The BRA as a board made a motion by Pete Garwood, second by Sherry Comben to request that applicant submit the project's application and Brownfield Plan to the BRA prior to the Village Council meeting of October 4, 2023 and that the applicant be presented with an invoice of \$10,000. Motion – unanimous. This was then sent to the County Commissioners to act on.

Motion by Hefferan, second by LaVanway to approve and authorize the Chair to execute the agreement between Antrim County and Mac Consulting Services, LLC for professional services, and to authorize the Finance Director to create a fund for Brownfield Redevelopment, make a budget amendment of \$10,000 for contractual services, and to make the initial transfer from the general fund. Yes- Rubingh, Hefferan, VanAlstine, LaVanway, Helwig, No-None. A presentation by Mac Consulting is on my website under reports.

MSHDA trainings-

MSHDA is holding training session focused on the July 2023 amendment to PA 381 (Brownfield Redevelopment Act) which gives MSHDA new review, oversight, and funding roles. This includes Tax Increment Financing (TIF) for housing projects. It is geared for Municipalities and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities at no cost. It is one hour and scheduled for October 9th at 1 p.m. This is a virtual session and does not require registration. <https://tinyurl.com/4kufy3ky>