

Antrim County
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County Employment Opportunities

- 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-Dispatcher (FT)
 - Sheriff's Office-Corrections (FT)
 - Sheriff's Office-Dispatcher- (FT)
- Construction Code-Building Inspector (FT)-Bud Randall began 8/24/23
- Sheriff's Office-Deputy-(FT) Noah Tucker began academy in August.

Household Hazardous Waste-

Saturday, Sept. 30th 8 a.m. - noon – Antrim County Road Commission
The HHW flier is on my website <http://dawnlavanway.com> under County reports tab.

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 is scheduled to start week of Sept. 4th.

Signage will direct you to the offices that have been relocated for the renovation:

County Clerk: moved to the Register of Deeds previous office (temporary)

Equalization: moving permanently to Room 120

Grass River Natural Area: now at the GRNA Center off of Alden Hwy. (temp.)

Human Resources: on top floor of the Courthouse (temp.)

Michigan State University Extension: moved to room 203 (temp.)

Register of Deeds: moving permanently to the previous Equalization Dept. office space

Building Dept.: moved to the adjacent office (temporary)

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 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 next on the timeline.

Public Safety Center (new jail)-

The Village of Bellaire passed the initial resolution necessary to vacate Grove Street. A Public Safety Center webpage has been created to keep everyone informed on progress and to answer questions. It is at https://www.antrimcounty.org/departments_services/administration_planning/public_safety_center/index.php

Torch Lake Township Time-of-Transfer Septic Ordinance-

Torch Lake Township passed a time of transfer septic ordinance that follows the model of Milton township time of transfer ordinance. The Health Department was in attendance for the meetings. Milton Township and Elk Rapids Village are the other two municipalities in the County who have an ordinance regarding this. Central Lake is also currently looking into an ordinance pertaining to this.

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.

Torch Lake Township time of transfer septic ordinance-

Torch lake Township approved of a time of transfer septic ordinance in which the Board of Health also had to approve for enforcement of a \$346 per septic health permit.

Motion by Dawn LaVanway, second by Henry Mason to approve of the Intergovernmental agreement for administration of the Torch Lake Township Septic Inspection and Property Transfer Ordinance by the Health Department of Northwest Michigan. Yes-Scott Hankins, Josh Chamberlain, Dawn LaVanway, Jarris Rubingh, Rich Ginop, Don Mapes, Jonathan Turnbull and Henry Mason. No-none. Motion carried.

Grant Review Policy-

Commissioner Rubingh made a motion to approve the Health Department Policy and Procedure for Grant Renewal as amended in the amendments presented by Commissioner Rubingh (amendment made on a typed and printed sheet of paper prepared by Commissioner Rubingh and shared with the Board of Health Members and Dan Thorell during the same meeting). Supported by Commissioner Mason. Roll call. Four (4) ayes: Commissioner Ginop, Mason, Rubingh and Turnbull. Four (4) nays: Commissioner Chamberlain, Hankins, LaVanway, and Mapes. Motion failed.

Commissioner Hankins made a motion to approve the Grant Review Policy and Procedure that is dated July 9, 2023, included in the Board of Health Packet. Supported by Commissioner Mapes. Four (4) ayes: Commissioners Hankins,

LaVanway, Chamberlain, and Mapes. Four (4) nays: Commissioner Rubingh, Ginop, Mason, and Turnbull. Motion failed.

The Grant committee of Rubingh, Mapes, Chamberlain and Turnbull will meet again to discuss revising the policy and bring back to full board at the September board of Health meeting.

Grant for Snap Postcards-

Motion by Commissioner Chamberlain to approve the Charlevoix County Community Foundation postage for postcards snap grant application. Supported by Commissioner Mapes. Six (6) ayes: Commissioners LaVanway, Chamberlain, Hankins, Mapes, Ginop, and Turnbull. Two (2) no: Commissioner Mason and Rubingh. Motion carried.

911 Communication Tower-

The site plan and application were finalized and sent to the Forest Home Township Planning Commission. The planning commission will be reviewing the site plan in September and the County Board will need to discuss additional pieces of the project as it moves forward.

Barnes Park Update-

A base map of Barnes Park is now required for the DNR approval. The creation of concept plans/cost estimate for providing a handicap accessible access to Lake Michigan are underway through a Michigan Trust Fund grant.

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority-

Recent brownfield legislation now allows certain types of housing Developments to qualify as eligible projects. The developer of the Spillway Lodge in Bellaire is interested in using this new legislation to construct a workforce housing project inside the Bellaire Village limits called the Bellaire Flats. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is recommending to contract with Brownfield consultant Mac McClelland to the County regarding this project for a plan, a work plan and a reimbursement agreement from the developers.

ORV connector route-

The East Jordan Trailblazers committee are working on a connector route from the end of Tebo School Road to the East to connect to other communities to benefit economic development. The group has received support from the County and Township and has worked with DNR to move forward with MDOT filings.