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County Employment Opportunities

- Antrim County Transportation-Driver (PT)
- Commission on Aging-Homemaker-(PT)
- Maintenance Department-Maintenance (FT)
- Register of Deeds-Clerk II (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-Deputy (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-Corrections (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-911 Dispatcher (FT)
- Prosecutor's Office-Assistant Prosecutor (FT)
- Parks Director (FT) **Lyndsey Eccles has been hired.**
- Juvenile Probation Officer (FT)- **Lauren Kowatch has been hired.**
- Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control Inspector (FT) **Brad Kivisto has been hired.**
- Antrim County Transportation-Mechanic (FT) **Jordan Mytty has been hired.**

Public Safety Center-

The November election bond proposal results were 7,578 yes votes and 7,801 no votes. 1,670 people voted straight ticket and did not vote on the ballot proposal. The Board of Commissioners will have to decide next year on what direction to take regarding the public safety center. Administration is looking into funding without a bond and to see if the County can fund the public safety center without a millage.

Tar Lake Superfund Site-

The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) will begin work to clean up contaminated soil and groundwater at the Tar Lake Superfund, the former Antrim Iron Works facility in Mancelona. In 1998, the EPA removed thousands of tons of contaminated soil and installed a groundwater treatment system to remove chemicals from the groundwater. Site monitoring has continued to show higher concentrations of site chemicals than expected. Crews are expected to begin by excavating 250,000 tons of contaminated dirt and replacing it with clean soil and native plants. Once that is complete, EPA crews will begin the installation of an additional 28 new groundwater treatment wells along the northern site boundary at Elder Road. No road closure are anticipated. Any comments or questions should be directed to Thomas Brecheisen at brecheisen.thomas@epa.gov. Website is at epa.gov/superfund/tar-lake.

Bellaire Dam Update-

Antrim County Drain Commissioner received a \$500,000 grant from EGLE's (Environment, Great Lakes & Energy) Dam Risk Reduction program to study the Bellaire dam and design a fix. Work on the study will begin the week of November 18th and will continue through January. The engineers will address survey work, soil borings, wetland delineation, and structural stability analyses. After all data has been collected, conceptual designs and alternative options will be identified prior to the design phase.

Opioid Litigation-

The County has signed on to the settlement agreement with pharmaceutical companies, wholesale distributors, and retailers. Work has begun by the Antrim County Community Collaborative to establish a Request For Funding Proposal to solicit organizational applications for programming that will address substance use disorders. These funds are restricted and 70% must go towards future remediation such as treatment, recovery support, outreach, training, prevention and research. Dollars received to date is \$465,047.

Road Commission Board-

Burt Thompson, Road Commission Manager/Engineer suggested adding two more people to the Road Commissioner Board to go from 3 board members to 5 for better communication. He will be gathering more information for the County board so they will be able to make a decision next year.

Last county report-

This will be my last County Commissioner report. I feel I have represented my district for the past eight years working on many boards for the betterment of the County taxpayers. Thank you for working with me on local issues which have made a positive difference within the County throughout the years.