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County Employment Opportunities

- Antrim County Transportation-Mechanic (FT)
- Antrim County Transportation-Driver (PT)
- Commission on Aging-Mancelona Meal Site Coordinator (PT)
- Commission on Aging-Central Lake Meal Site Coordinator (PT)
- Maintenance Department-Custodian (PT) & (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-Deputy (FT)
- Sheriff's Office-Corrections (FT)

Public Safety Center-

A press release inviting the public to tour the jail has been put out. The schedule is on the County's website and facebook page. Tour in September is Friday, September 13th at 3 p.m. A sourcebook has been created to answer questions. It is available at tinyurl.com/AntrimPSC.

Circuit Court Recording Equipment-

The circuit courtroom has outdated court recording software and there is currently no coverage for court hearings in emergency situations. This new video court recording equipment will allow court staff to record a court hearing due to ease of use. Moved by Helwig, seconded by LaVanway to approve the expenditure of \$67,437.30 to be able to update the current equipment and add video through Justice AV Solutions and to install the budgeted video court recording equipment in the Circuit Courtroom. Motion carried as follows: Yes-VanAlstine, Helwig, LaVanway; No-Hefferan, Rubingh.

County Building Elevator-

Updating the 46 year old elevator was in last year's capital improvement plan. Control parts are becoming costly and obsolete. There are also other parts that need to be replaced to bring the elevator into compliance.

Moved by LaVanway, seconded by Helwig, that the Board authorize and approve the release of funds for the County building elevator upgrade in the amount of up to \$130,000. And authorize the Board Chair to execute the contract with Otis Elevator in the amount of \$104,000 contingent on legal review. Motion carried as follows: Yes-Hefferan, Rubingh, VanAlstine, Helwig, LaVanway; No-None; Absent-None.

Airport Courtesy Car-

The Airport currently has two vehicles and they would like to allow one for a courtesy vehicle for customers. This is the most frequently requested service of the airport. Moved by VanAlstine, and seconded by Hefferan, that the Board authorize and approve the Antrim County courtesy car use and indemnification agreement for the Antrim County Airport, a courtesy vehicle/crew car for customer use contingent on legal review. Motion carried as follows: Yes-Hefferan, Rubingh, VanAlstine, Helwig, LaVanway; No-None; Absent-None.

Animal Control Pet Adoption-

Animal Control suggested raising adoption fees as the vet costs for caring for animals by vaccinating, microchipping, deworming and spay and neuter are increasing. Moved by LaVanway, and seconded by Hefferan, that the Board approve and adopt the proposed Animal Control Pet Adoption Fee Scheduled as follows:
Increase fee from \$45.00 for dog adoption to \$100.
Increase fee from \$45.00 for cat adoption to \$65.
Motion carried as follows: Yes-Hefferan, Rubingh, VanAlstine, Helwig, LaVanway; No-None; Absent-None.

Commission on Aging Meals on Wheels Vehicle-

Commission on Aging board made this recommendation to replace an older vehicle as it has high miles and in need of a new transmission. Moved by Hefferan, seconded by Helwig, that the Board approve and authorize the release of \$76,629. For the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Silverado from Berger Chevrolet (\$42,871) and the installation of a Hot/Cold compartment (\$33,758) from Delivery Concepts and authorize the Finance Director to make the appropriate budget amendments. Motion carried as follows: Yes-Hefferan, Rubingh, VanAlstine, Helwig, LaVanway; No-None; Absent-None.

Building Department Vehicles-

Building department truck has high miles on them. The trucks will be reused within the County first and then sold second. An extra vehicle is now needed due to putting the Soil Erosion officer in the Building department starting next year. Moved by VanAlstine, and seconded by Hefferan, that the Board approve and authorize the expenditure of \$170,269. For the purchase of 4 Construction Code trucks and authorize the Finance Director to make a budget amendment of \$20,269 from fund balance. Motion carried as follows: Yes-Hefferan, Rubingh, VanAlstine, Helwig, LaVanway; No-None: Absent-None.

Grass River Natural Area-

Phase two of the boardwalk replacement is underway. This will allow better accessibility and an accessible Grass River kayak launch. The final phase is the replacement of the Sedge Meadow loop boardwalk which will be completed in 2025. Funding for this project was from a State of Michigan grant and donations from people.