**ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** **Thursday May 21th, 2026**

## MEETING MINUTES

The Chair William Hefferan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Ray Scola

The Chair called Roll Call: Commissioner Jason Helwig - Here
Commissioner Terry VanAlstine - Here
Commissioner Ray Scola - Here
Commissioner Jarris Rubingh - Here
Commissioner Bill Hefferan – Here

**Public Comment**:

8 Citizens gave public comment.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion to accept the Agenda made by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine seconded by Commissioner Jason Helwig
Motion carried as follows: Yes – Unanimous; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed 5 - 0

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Motion to accept May 7th, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes by Commissioner Jason Helwig seconded by Commissioner Ray Scola.
Motion carried as follows: Yes – Unanimous; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed 5 – 0

**Committee Reports/Liaison Reports:**

Commissioner Terry VanAlstine reported on North Central Michigan College. He handed out a packet for Reaching Higher with new programs being offered to students.
The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance's symposium was sold out. They had 340 people there.

Commissioner Ray Scola reported on The Road Commission had their Annual Financial Report which they will be sharing with us at the June 4th Meeting. They are in good shape.

Commissioner Jarris Rubingh reported on the meeting of the North Country Community Mental Health, they had a lot of people there. The Bergman Center closed on Saturday. Micah Haven was there from GTI to help the transition of those people who were left out because of the closure. Said there was no requests for those clients. Talked about a Crisis intervention team. Looking to work with the Sheriff in our county.

**Appointments/Annual Reports**

**NETWORKS NORTHWEST**

Janie McNabb presented the Annual Report for the Year of 2025

Covered:

Leadership

Serves more than 40 different programs

- Talent
- Business
- Community

Sub Regional Alignment

Financial Summary

Have a Goal of working with Businesses in Antrim County which has worked out well. Working on Seasonal hiring for several companies. Working with the Elk Rapids Chamber to do a job fair. Also, planning targeted information sessions in Antrim regarding Grant opportunities.

Motion to accept the Networks Northwest 2025 Annual Report made by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine and seconded by Commissioner Jason Helwig

Motion carried as follows: Yes – Unanimous; No – None; Absent – None.

Passed 5 – 0

**Claims & Accounts**

Motion made by Commissioner Ray Scola and seconded by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine to approve Claims and Accounts in the amount of $54,286.92.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – Unanimous; No – None; Absent – None.

Passed 5 –0

**Action Request**

Submitted by Jeremy Scott, County Administrator to approve the 2026 Tax Rate Request (L-4029) and that the County operating millage be set at 5.2123 mill, the Commission on Aging at 0.3860 mill, Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility at 0.9177 mill, Antrim Conservation District at 0.0964 mill, E-911 at 0.4752 mill, and the recycling millage at 0.1548 mill, and to authorize the Board Chair and County Clerk to execute the L-4029 Tax Rate Request.

Motion to accept by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine seconded by Jason Helwig

Discussion

Commissioner Jarris Rubingh made a motion to amend the motion to set the county operating millage to 4.97 seconded by Commissioner Ray Scola

**Roll Call:** Commissioner Bill Hefferan – No
Commissioner Ray Scola – Yes
Commissioner Jarris Rubingh – Yes
Commissioner Jason Helwig – No
Commissioner Terry VanAlstine – No

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 2; No – 3; Absent – None.

Failed 2 - 3

Back to the original motion to accept the request as written by Terry VanAlstine seconded by Commissioner Jason Helwig

**Roll Call:** Commissioner Jason Helwig – Yes
Commissioner Ray Scola – No
Commissioner Jarris Rubingh – No
Commissioner Bill Hefferan – Yes
Commissioner Terry VanAlstine – Yes
Motion carried as follows: Yes – 3; No – 2; Absent – None.
Passed 3 - 2

**Action Request**

Submitted by Leslie Meyers, Drain Commissioner to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Elk Rapids Township, Elk Rapids Village, and Milton Township; and to authorize the County Administrator and County treasurer to create Fund 841.000 – Lake Level Fund and to make the appropriate budget amendments.
Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding made by Commissioner Bill Hefferan seconded by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine
Motion carried as follows: Yes – Unanimous; No – None; Absent – None.
Passed 5 – 0

**Action Request**

Submitted by Jeremy Scott, County Administrator to appoint Frank Hersha as the Antrim County Building Official.
Motion made by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine seconded by Commissioner Bill Hefferan
Motion carried as follows: Yes – Unanimous; No – None; Absent – None.
Passed 5 – 0

**Action Request**

Submitted by Jeremy Scott, County Administrator to authorize budget amendments of **$112,050** to 101.000.212.00 – Budget Accounting Services from Accounting Budget, Wages, and Benefits with the remainder from Contingencies and authorize the County Administrator to sign the Engagement Letter for Rehmann for services for the remainder of 2026.
Motion to authorize made by Commissioner Jason Helwig seconded by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine.
Motion carried as follows: Yes – Unanimous; No – None; Absent – None.
Passed 5 – 0

**Action Request**

Submitted by Sherry A Comben, County Treasurer for Informational Purposes Only

**Chairman Report:**

None

**Various Matters**

CIP Dates
Thank Stephanie Murray for her Service
Thank Al Parker who will be moving to NV and will not be here in person but by Zoom in the future.

**Public Comment**

4 Citizens gave Public Comment

**Meeting Adjourned**: 8:05 p.m.

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**CHAIRMAN – WILLIAM HEFFERAN**

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**CLERK - VICTORIA BISHOP**