ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS **Thursday October 1, 2026**

MEETING MINUTES

The Chair William Hefferan called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

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

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

Public Comment:

The Chair requested Public Comment at 10:00 am.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding Flock cameras
Mitch Distin, Banks Township,
Patick Murray
Veronica
Jonathan, Chestonia Township
Gary Torick, Kewadin
Ann Torick, Milton Township
Walt Wood, Central Lake
Amy Drake, Central Lake Township
Kate Gallop, Cedar, Leelanau County
Christa Brenner, Kewadin
Marian, Oakland County
Patrick Boyd, Village of Bellaire
Helen, Kalkaska County
Augustus Chell, Williamsburg
Holly Polick, Central Lake Township
Raven, Antrim County

Ed Niepoth, Kearney Township, commended Road Commission on culvert and road work.

Public comment Closed at 10:52

Approval of the Agenda:

Amended to move item 9D-Discussion: Flock Safety Camera to 7B.

Motion to accept the Agenda as amended made by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine seconded by Commissioner Jarris Rubingh.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed 5 - 0

Approval of the Minutes:

Amendment – page 4 of the minutes correct “sand” to “stand”

Motion to accept September 17, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended by Commissioner Jason Helwig seconded by Commissioner Ray Scola.

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Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed 5 - 0

Committee Reports/Liaison Reports:

Commissioner Jarris Rubingh reported on ACNA schoolhouse repairs.

Appointments

2026 Apportionment Report L4403 – Jamie Houserman, Equalization Director – presented the FY2027 Apportionment Report L-4402. Discussion followed.

Motion by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine and seconded by Commissioner Jason Helwig to adopt the L-4402 Statement showing Taxable Valuations and Mills Apportioned by the Antrim County Board of Commissioner for the year 2026 and authorize Jamie Houserman, Equalization Director, to sign the L-4402, thereby authorizing and directing the various assessing officers to spread the rates against the taxable valuation for 2026.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed 5 - 0

Old/Unfinished Business:

Forestry Fund Balance Policy submitted by Jeremy Scott, County Administrator

Motion by Jason Helwig and seconded by Ray Scola to approve the Forestry Fund Balance Policy.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed 5 - 0

Claims and Accounts

Motion to accept Claims and Accounts in the amount of $90,487.24 by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine seconded by Commissioner William Hefferan.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed unanimously

New Business

Action Request

Submitted by Mike Meriwether, County Forester and Jeremy Scott, County Administrator – Reilly Easement Agreement

Motion by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine, seconded by Commissioner Jason Helwig, to authorize the Board Chair to execute an easement agreement between Marcial Reiley and Antrim County to allow access to Antrim County forestry property (parcel #05-10-006-001-00). Discussion ensued.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – 0; Absent – None
Motion Passed unanimously

Action Request

Submitted by Mike Meriwether, County Forester – Timber Sale Agreement

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Motion by Commissioner Ray Scola, seconded by Commissioner Jarris Rubingh, to authorize the Chair to sign a cutting agreement with Fahl Forest Products for the removal of wood products at the Antrim County Airport properties.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed unanimously

Action Request

Submitted by Leslie Meyers, Drain Commissioner – Charlevoix County Memorandum of Understanding

Motion by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine, seconded by commissioner Jason Helwig, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners regarding the Upper Chain of Lakes Special Assessment District. Discussed Charlevoix meeting.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed unanimously

Action Request

Submitted by Paula Chermside, COA Director, presented by Amy Tate, Assistant Director

Motion by Commissioner Terry VanAlstine, seconded by Commissioner Jason Helwig, to authorize the Commission on Aging Director to execute the agreement with Bloomerang for an initial one-year contract to utilize their Giving Platform software and to utilize Stripe as the 3rd party payment processor, contingent on legal review. Discussion ensued.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed unanimously

Action Request

Submitted by Gloria Campbell, Human Resources Director

RESOLUTION # 18 OF 2026 BY Terry VanAlstine, SECONDED BY Ray Scola

TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL EXEMPTION OPTION AS SET FORTH IN 2011 PUBLIC ACT 152, THE PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION ACT

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the "Act") was passed by the State Legislature and signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

WHEREAS, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

1. Section 3 – "Hard Caps" Option – limits a public employer's total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
2. Section 4 – "80%/20%" Option – limits a public employer's share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
3. Section 8 – "Exemption" Option – a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

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WHEREAS, the ANTRIM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of the COUNTY of ANTRIM elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option for the medical benefit plan coverage year January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Jason Helwig – Yes
Commissioner Jarris Rubingh – Yes
Commissioner Ray Scola – Yes
Commissioner Terry VanAlstine – Yes
Commissioner William Hefferan – Yes

Resolution passed unanimously

Action Request

Submitted by Gloria Campbell, Human Resources Director – FY2026 Employer Health Insurance Caps

Motion by Commissioner Ray Scola, seconded by Commissioner Jason Helwig, to set the County employer health insurance caps for the 2027 benefit year beginning January 1, 2027, and adopt the following employer health insurance premium caps: Single $790.35, 2-person $1770.77, and Family $2213.47, and that the funding source be the 2027 general fund, special projects cost center – budgeted in 2027.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed unanimously

Action Request

Submitted by Jeremy Scott, Administration – Grounds Use Request – Antrim Action

Motion by Jarris Rubingh, seconded by Commissioner Ray Scola, to approve the request from Antrim Action for use of the County Building parking lot for the Celebrating Our Vote event to take place on Saturday, October 17, 2026 subject to the receipt of an appropriate certificate of insurance.

Motion carried as follows: Yes – 5; No – None; Absent – None
Motion Passed unanimously

Action Request

Memorandum submitted by Jeremy Scott, Administration – FOIA Appeal – Robert Davies
No action taken

County Administrator Report

Commissioner Scola questioned #10 under lawsuits Sudman v County of Antrim, to confirm Mr. Sudman requested voluntary dismissal.
Commissioner Rubingh questioned #1 Public Safety Center, Jeremy Scott shared things are moving forward and things are on track for preparation of the parking lot.

Elected Officials Report

No updates

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Commissioner Jason Helwig left the meeting at 11:49 am.

Chairman Report:
None

Various Matters
None

Public Comment
The Chair requested public comment at 11:50 am.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding Flock cameras
Marian, Oakland County
Mitch Distin, Banks Township
Augustus Chells, Williamsburg
Kate Gallop, Cedar, Leelanau County - spoke on Flock camera patent
Jonathon, Chestonia Twp
Veronica, spoke on flock camera
Al Abram, Forest Home Twp. spoke on flock camera

Jerry Rasmusson-Ellsworth – flock camera and spoke on Dams and dredging in Ellsworth

Patrick Boyd, Bellaire, thanked Board of Commissioners

Meeting Adjourned: 12:11 PM

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CHAIRMAN – WILLIAM HEFFERAN

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Minutes prepared by: Gayle Rider, Administrative Assistant, at the request of the County Clerk.

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