

**Antrim County**  
**District 7**  
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**July 2021**

**County Employment Opportunities-**

- Antrim County Transportation-Driver (PT)
- Barnes Park Attendant
- CENA- COA-(PT)
- COA-Cook (FT)
- Homemaker-COA- (PT)
- Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff's Office-Animal Control Officer- (PT)
- Sheriff's Office-Corrections Officer-(FT)

**Veterans Affairs Director-**

Brandon Corbin was hired for the Veterans Affairs Director position. He started working as the Director on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Designated County Assessor-**

The State Tax Commission (STC) approved the petition of Jamie Houserman as the Antrim County Designated Assessor. The County received a communication documenting the approval on July 6<sup>th</sup>. If, following an audit of assessing practices, a determination of noncompliance is made concerning a local unit assessment roll, the STC may require the designated assessor to serve as the unit's assessor of record.

**Pagers-**

Due to issues with voice issues for radios for 911, the 911 board suggested getting an engineering company to look at the present simulcast system and offer suggestions to meet the expectations of Fire and EMS responders. In 2020, the 911 board took the engineer's evaluation and recommended a "hybrid" approach to communication. The approach was parts of the existing VHF system and parts of the MPSCS 800 Mhz system for paging notification. A parallel part of the Hybrid approach was moving all voice communications to the 800 Mhz system. Radios for Fire and EMS mobile radios were purchased in 2020 with final installation in 2021. Law enforcement mobile radios were purchased in 2021 and should be installed by this summer. The next step is to purchase up to 200 dual band pagers for Fire and EMS with reimbursement for pagers that are newer and will work with the system according to Mike Gank. The final step will be restructuring the simulcast system.

### **Reminder: Household Hazardous Waste-**

Antrim Conservation District maintains the HHW with ERG Environmental Services for disposal of the HHW. Dates for 2021 are:

**August 14-Bellaire**

**September 11-Mancelona**

Board approved and authorized Antrim Conservation District to revise the 2021 Antrim County Household Hazardous Waste Fee Schedule to include;

1. SUGGESTED DONATION, and;
2. 2021 increase latex paint fees from \$1.00 per 1 gallon can to \$4.00 per 1 gallon can (\$20/5gal bucket), and;
3. No increase for 2021 electronics fees from \$5.00 for items up to 30" and \$15.00 items 30" and over (TVs, Computers, hard drives and misc.), and;
4. 2021 decrease from the 2020 charge for a scrap tire fee of \$2/tire to no fee for a tire h

### **Campground host-**

The new Parks Director will be looking for a Barnes Park campground host(s) like the DNR use at state campgrounds. The host would be on site at least 32 hours a week and would get the designated campsite for free.

### **Antrim Creek Natural Area-**

Two bear proof trash cans will be purchased to be put at the trail heads at the Antrim Creek Natural Area park. The Michigan Bear Association is paying matching funds to put the two trash cans in the park.

### **Antrim County Chain of Lakes Hydrology Study-**

Mark Stone, Dam Operator, reported the Chain of Lakes hydrology study is on track and should be completed by October 2021.

### **Nifty Thrifty Shop-**

A one year lease agreement was approved between the Nifty Thrifty Shop Inc. and the County of Antrim for the Maltby (Nifty Thrifty) building.

### **Road Commission-**

Road Commission will be bonding up to 5 million dollars at 3% for 20 years of \$265,000/year for the purpose of paying all or part of the costs of acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping a new Road Commission garage facility, including truck storage, shop facilities, offices and a new salt shed, to be located at the current Central Lake facility, including demolition of existing structures and site improvements. Timeline is to have the facility done by end of 2022.

### **Broadband-**

The County will be working with the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa (GTBOC) Indians for broadband internet funding through the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grant

program to get broadband access to places in the County that currently don't have it. A backbone is needed to make this happen and with this partner and funding it will allow better access in the future.

**DTE Supplier event-**

A virtual DTE supplier meet and greet event will take place on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. with several regional economic development partners, providing suppliers an opportunity to learn how to do business with DTE. The event will include a webinar with an overview on becoming a supplier, followed by pre-scheduled one-on-one buyer-supplier meetings to discuss procurement opportunities. Submit a supplier application if interested at <https://pmbc.connect.space/virtual-dte-northern-mi-supplier-meet-greet/forms/supplier-application/submissions/new> to be considered for a one-on-one meeting. Questions contact [pmbc@michigan.org](mailto:pmbc@michigan.org).



