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Antrim County BULLETIN

## Building Official
### Frank Hersha



An Ellsworth High School graduate, Mr. Hersha served in the United States Air Force for six years as a Military Police Officer. He spent most of his career building custom homes, with twelve years as a licensed builder.

In late 2014, Mr. Hersha started at Antrim County as a Building Inspector. He was recently confirmed as Antrim County's Building Official by the Board of Commissioners.

When asked about his new position, Mr. Hersha said he is "looking forward to working with contractors and home owners to provide our services in a timely and professional manner." He has been married for 25 years and has two adult children and four grandchildren. His son served four years as a Military Police Officer for the US Marines.

## Operation Northern Exposure
### June 6, 2026

The Antrim County Office of Emergency Management, in coordination with the Michigan National Guard and local public safety partners, will conduct a **joint emergency response training exercise on Saturday, June 6, 2026** from 6 am to 3 pm near the Antrim County Airport and designated training locations throughout the county.

This full-scale exercise is designed to strengthen response capabilities, interagency coordination, and operational readiness among local, county, state, and military response partners. The training will include a series of simulated emergency scenarios.

Residents should expect to see an increased presence of emergency response vehicles, personnel, and both ground and air equipment from the Michigan National Guard throughout the exercise period. **This may include military vehicles, support equipment, and aircraft operating in the training area.**

"We've found value in the joint training in the past for all agencies involved," said Matthew Adamek, Emergency Services Director. "During the 2025 Ice Storm it was apparent that these joint trainings are very beneficial."

All exercise locations will be clearly marked as "TRAINING IN PROGRESS" to ensure public awareness and safety. There is no threat to the public; this event is strictly a planned preparedness exercise. The public is welcome to observe from a safe distance.

## Public Safety Center Progress

At the May 7 meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, the Christman Company presented a facility update.

A Christman representative briefed the Board on the five primary programs driving the facility's design: corrections, behavioral/mental health, the Sheriff's Office, dispatch, and emergency operations. Christman also provided an overview of the cost estimating process, citing data and site-specific variables. **The project is financially on track**, with current estimates totaling just under $27 million.

Following the presentation, the Board passed a resolution that formally established the project's budget at $27 million. This follows the successful November 2025 bond referendum in which voters authorized the County to borrow up to $18 million over 15 years. Following 2025 plans, the remaining $9 million will be sourced from existing County funds, a direct result of the Board's long-term strategic budgeting and financial planning.




The Board also selected The Christman Company as the project's Construction Manager (CM); **Christman will oversee every stage of the construction project**. CM roles include budget control, scheduling, quality assurance, contractor management, site logistics, quality control, and ensuring that the project runs according to the design and timeline developed with the architect and owner. CMs also work closely with design professionals and inspectors to resolve issues as they arise.

For more information about the project, contact the County Administration Office at 231-533-6265 or by email at countyadmin@antrimcountymi.gov.

## ADA Title II Compliance
### Local Government Websites/Mobile Apps

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II requires that any public entity with a population of under 50,000 needs to have their website content and mobile apps comply with numerous accessibility requirements.

A federal interim final rule was issued in late April that **extended our compliance deadline to April 26, 2028**. Larger public entities are now required to comply by April 2027.