

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session  
November 10, 2014

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

Present: Commissioners Don Cooper, George Kinsella, Don McLean, Ted Postula and Chairman Scott Shackleton

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Brand, Chippewa County Treasurer Marjorie Hank, Nick Cassel, EUP CWMA Coordinator, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Kathy Cairns, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to add to the agenda a letter of support for the Invasive Species funding that was presented by the Conservation District and accept the agenda as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

It was moved by Commissioner Postula, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the Clerk's Office and, if necessary, forward to the appropriate committee. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to approve the regular County Board meeting minutes of October 13, 2014 and the Workshop meeting minutes of October 22, 2014, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Nick Cassel, with the Conservation District, indicated that he represents the Eastern Upper Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area Unit. He informed the Commission that the State of Michigan just released, for the first time, grant funds for Invasive Species Management, which they are going after. This funding is going to help with implementation, control, eradication, prevention, and

detection of priority invasive species, which the State has deemed regionally. He went on to say, “We are looking for the County’s support to continue to fight the good fight against invasive species, every and any letter of support will help.”

- **Steve Welch**

Mr. Welch expressed his concerns with the speed limit on three mile road, specifically between Shunk Rd and Seymour, referring to it as hazardous and a death trap, and that he wanted this on the public record.

After pointing out that the Commission does not engage in debate during public comments, Chairman Shackleton asked the administrator, Jim German, to get in contact with Mr. Welch and direct him to those that are directly involved with the speed limit.

**Administrator’s Report** – Given for informational purposes only.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, that they concur with the Veterans’ Affairs Committee and re- appoint Paul Clement for a four year term to expire March 31, 2019. When asked if this was the appropriate time to do this, a discussion followed with the Board deciding to put this under Old Business (a) - Accept nominations for various Boards and Committee Appointments.

Both Commissioner Cooper and Commissioner Kinsella stated that there was no objection with abandoning the motion.

Old Business

(a) Accept nominations for various Board and Committee Appointments

**Chippewa County Building Authority**

Expires 12/31/14 (1 year appointment)

2 appointments

Current Members: Ron L. Meister, James Traynor

APPLICANTS: Ronald L. Meister, James Traynor

**Building Code Board of Appeals**

Expires 12/31/14

3 appointments (2 year appointment)

Current Members: Kathy Cairns, Randy Rogers, Samuel White

APPLICANTS: Kathy Cairns, Joan Marie Roney, Samuel H. White

**Department of Human Services**

Expires 12/31/14

1 appointment (3 year appointment)

Current Member: Floyd Rabineau

APPLICANTS: Floyd Rabineau, Joan Marie Roney

**Economic Development Corporation**

Expires 12/31/2014 (Dick Timmer)

Expires 3/31/2015 (Jim Quinnell)

2 appointments (6 year appointment)

1 appointment (6 year appointment)

Current Members: Dick Timmer, James Quinnell

APPLICANTS: Jeremy Gagnon, Earl Kay, George Kinsella, James Quinnell, Richard Timmer

**E 9-1-1 Central Dispatch**

Expires 12/31/14

1 appointment (2 year appointment)

Current Member: David Pietrangelo

APPLICANTS: Earl Kay, George Kinsella, David Pietrangelo

**Hiawatha Behavioral Health**

Expires 3/31/15

2 appointments (4 year appointment)

Current Members: Jim Moore, George Kinsella

APPLICANTS: George Kinsella, James Moore, Joan Marie Roney

**Jury Commission**

Expires 4/30/2015

1 appointment (6 year appointment)

Current Member: Jay Porcaro

APPLICANTS: Jay Porcaro

**Road Commission**

Expires 12/31/14

1 appointment (6 year appointment)

Current Member: Bernie LaJoie

APPLICANTS: Thomas L. Farnquist Sr., Jeremy Gagnon, Earl Kay, Jesse Knoll, Bernard LaJoie, Ted Postula,  
Francis D. Quinlivan, Joan Marie Roney, James Traynor

**Transportation Authority**

Expires 12/31/14

1 appointment (3 year appointment)

Current Member: John Kibble

APPLICANTS: John F. Kibble, Jesse Knoll, Joan Marie Roney

**War Memorial Hospital, Inc.**

**Expires 12/31/14**

1 appointment (4 year appointment)

Current Member: Scott Shackleton

APPLICANTS: Earl Kay, Scott Shackleton

**Veterans' Affairs Committee**

**Expires 3/31/2015**

1 appointment (4 year appointment)

Current Member: Paul Clement

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the list of applicants and add to that list, Paul Clement to the Veterans Affairs Committee. A discussion followed, which included that the Hiawatha Behavioral Health appointment will leave us without a County Commissioner on that Board. It seemingly was the consensus of the Board that there is a need to have appropriate Commissioner Representation on these boards.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Standing Committee Reports:**

**Personnel/Equalization/Health and Social Services Committee**

Commissioner Kinsella – October 31, 2014

**Agenda Items**

### **Personnel Resignation and Hire**

Administrator German advised the Committee that VA Counselor Beth Yeack had submitted a letter of resignation. The Veteran Affairs Committee has chosen Jaqueline Haske for her replacement.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the resignation of Beth Yeack and to hire Jacqueline Haske as the new VA counselor. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Cardiac Emergency Response Plan**

The Administrator presented a Cardiac Emergency response plan. The plan needs to be approved before the Courthouse can obtain an AED device, which was sought through a grant opportunity.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Sheriff Department Policy**

Sheriff Policy #00-001 needs an update with regards to how article two on vacation might be misinterpreted on vacation leave, with day's vs hours being confused.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the amended Sheriff Policy #00-0001 Article two. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Part Time Health Insurance**

Administrator German noted that BC/BS had informed him that the part time staff in the jail, that we will need to provide health care coverage for, could be done for single coverage only.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to provide single health care only for Part time employees in the jail with the employee responsible for twenty percent of the premium which follows policy. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to accept the Personnel/Equalization/Health and Social Services Committee meeting minutes of October 31, 2014, as presented.

A discussion followed regarding by-law changes to the appointment process, regarding the annual appointments, to the various Boards and Agencies.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Cooper – November 6, 2014

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **MSHDA –Third Party Administrator Management Plan – Approval**

The Committee received and reviewed the Michigan State Housing Development Authority – Office of Community Development ‘Third Party Administrator Management Plan’ – this management plan is between Chippewa County and Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Human Resource Authority, Inc. and is an essential element of running a successful housing program.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella , to approve Michigan State Housing Development Authority – Office of Community Development ‘Third Party Administrator Management Plan’ between Chippewa County and the C-L-M Community Action Human Resources Authority, Inc. as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Bid Approvals – Electrical Updates**

The Committee received the electrical updates bid summary – two bids were received timely and met bid specifications.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the low bid of \$5,500.00 for Electrical Updates from Roy Electric Company. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Snow Plowing and Removal**

#### **Animal Control Shelter**

The Committee received and reviewed the bid summaries for the snow plowing and removal services for the Animal Control Shelter, the County Building, the Courthouse Parking Lot and for the Emergency Services 9-1-1 Center. Three bids were received that met the specifications and were timely.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to approve the low bid from Molitor & Son Excavating for the annual amount of \$1,600.00 for the snow plowing at the Animal Control Shelter. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the low bids from Norris Contracting, Inc. for the annual amount of \$2,500 for snowplowing and removal at the Chippewa County Building and the low bid of \$2,500.00 annually for snow plowing and removal for the Courthouse Parking Lot. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the low bid from Frontier Contracting LLC for the annual amount of \$3,500.00 for the snow plowing at the 9-1-1 Center in Kincheloe. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **FINANCE**

### **Claims and Accounts**

The Committee reviewed the bills and payroll presented for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to recommend the approval of the general claims totaling \$281,918.41, other fund claims \$456,769.61, payroll \$658,182.05 and Health Department claims \$571,168.25 and total claims \$1,968,138.32 and vouchers H-1 through H-330. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, that the Finance Claims and Accounts minutes of November 6, 2014, be approved as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**New Business**

**Chippewa County Place-Based Targeting Strategy – MSC-2013-07321-HOA**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the proposed Chippewa County Place-Based Targeting Strategy. (*Exhibit A*)

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, McLean, Postula and Shackleton

Nays: None

The Chippewa County Place-Based Targeting Strategy was declared adopted.

**Resolution 14-23 2015 Borrowing Resolution (2014 Delinquent Taxes)**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, to accept Resolution No. 14 -23 as follows:

**2015 BORROWING RESOLUTION  
(2014 DELINQUENT TAXES)  
RESOLUTION NO. ~14-23**

**WHEREAS**, ad valorem real property taxes are imposed by the County and the local taxing units within the County on July 1 and/or December 1 of each year; and

**WHEREAS**, a certain portion of these taxes remain unpaid and uncollected on March 1, of the year following assessment, at which time they are returned delinquent to the County's treasurer (the "Treasurer"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Treasurer is bound to collect all delinquent taxes, interest and property

tax administration fees which would otherwise be payable to the local taxing units within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the statutes of the State of Michigan authorize the County to establish a fund, in whole or in part from borrowed proceeds, to pay local taxing units within the County their respective shares of delinquent ad valorem real property taxes in anticipation of the collection of those taxes by the Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") has adopted a resolution authorizing the County's Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (the "Revolving Fund Program"), pursuant to Section 87b of Act No. 206, Michigan Public Acts of 1893, as amended ("Act 206"); and

After consideration of the borrowing resolution presented earlier this day with regard to Act 206 of the Public Acts of 1893, as amended (Act 206), and in respect of such borrowing resolution, the resolution set forth below was offered by Commissioner McLean and seconded by Commissioner Cooper.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2015 ADMINISTRATIVE FUND**

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER AS FOLLOWS:

The County Treasurer, pursuant to Section 87c, Subsection (2), of Act 206, is designated as Agent for the County, and the Treasurer's office shall receive such sums as are provided in Section 87c, Subsection (3), to cover administrative expenses.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, McLean, Postula and Shackleton

Nays: None

**The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Resolution 14-24 Apportionment**

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER  
RESOLUTION 2014-24  
APPORTIONMENT OF 2014 MILLAGES**

At a meeting of the CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS held on NOVEMBER 10, 2014.

**WHEREAS**, the County board has reviewed all the millages requested by the various taxing entities operating within the County, and has considered the allocated and extra voted millages to which

each entity is entitled AS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014, and determined that the levy of the millage rates listed on the FINAL 2014 MILLAGE REPORT presented to the Board by the Equalization Director and made a part of the minutes, will be necessary for the sound management and operation to the taxing jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the County Equalization Director has informed the County Board that pursuant to MCL 211.34D, each requested millage on said report has been reduced, if necessary, in compliance with section 31 of article 9 of the state constitution of 1963, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. THE FINAL 2014 MILLAGE REPORT BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED
2. THE CLERK AND EQUALIZATION DIRECTOR ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO COMPLETE AND FILE ANY REPORT REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, RELATIVE TO THE MILLAGES AUTHORIZED BY THIS BOARD, INCLUDING THE 2014 APPORTIONMENT REPORT.
3. THE MILLAGES SO APPROVED SHALL BE SPREAD AGAINST THE APPROPRIATE TAXABLE VALUES IN THE VARIOUS TAXING UNITS WITHIN THE COUNTY TO PRODUCE THE 2014 TAX ROLLS AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SPREADING AND COLLECTING THOSE TAXES SHALL BE CHARGED WITH THE PROCESSING AND COLLECTING OF THOSE TAXES ACCORDING TO STATUTE.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, McLean, Postula and Schackleton

Nays: None

**The Resolution was declared adopted.**

**Letter of Support for the Invasive Species funding** *(added to the agenda, Exhibit B)*

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Postula that Chairman Shackleton be authorized to sign the letter of support for the Invasive Species funding that was presented by the Conservation District on behalf of the County Board of Commissioners. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

- ❖ Commissioner McLean commented on Mr. Welch's announcement regarding three mile road speed limit. He indicated that they often run into this centerline of the road, one side in the city, and the other side in the county and the fact that people put them off. It was his belief that the road commission and the state police have the final word on the speed limit signs. He went on to say, "We've all been down that road and know what it's like, I can see his situation and there

has already been one death on that corner; it's dangerous."

- ❖ Commissioner Cooper stated that they don't divide it by the centerline, it's from M-129 East is one and then the other direction goes to the other municipality. Further noting, that it's problematic.
- ❖ Commissioner Postula agreed with Commissioner McLean, indicating that he also believes the State Police has the final say. He also indicated that it will be hard to change their minds, but it can be done.
- ❖ Chairman Shackleton noted that several years ago, he was going West on three mile road and a deer ran into him. He said, "It is a tough stretch"
- ❖ Commissioner Kinsella described a couple of studies they did in Bay Mills Township. In one study, the State Police came out, counted cars and averaged their speed. When they acquired the sample size they wanted, based on traffic on that road, they took the average speed of all those cars and that's what they set it at. In another study on the Bay Mills Reservation, which had always had a speed limit of 35, the State Police recommended it to be 45 miles an hour. Ironically, the day before school started they changed all the signs to 45 out there and the Bay Mills Tribal Chairman said, "No we're not" and put all the 35 mile an hour speed signs back up and it's still 35.
- ❖ Commissioner Cooper noted that there are no speed limit signs on Baker side road.
- ❖ Commissioner Postula announced that on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. there will be an informative session regarding Cloverland Electric issues at the Raber Township Hall.
- ❖ Commissioner McLean announced that on November 13, 2014, there will also be a meeting at the Strahl Theater concerning Cloverland Electric issues.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, that the Board adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman

# Chippewa County Place-Based Targeting Strategy

Chippewa County -- Grant # MSC-2013-0731-HOA

The Place-Based Targeting Strategy represents MSHDA's Community Development Division approved process and the County's determinations to address the following Special Condition:

*To receive the second year funding (the remaining 50% of the grant award) the grantee must engage in community planning for a Targeted Strategy that will forward the goal of Place Making, resulting in a plan approved by MSHDA, Community Development Division.*

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Authorized Signatory for Grantee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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Date

Data collection and final report prepared by MSHDA approved Technical Assistance Provider, Kuntzsch Business Services, Inc.

August 2014

(Exhibit A)

Chippewa County Board of Commissioners  
319 Court Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

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Scott Shackleton  
George Kinsella  
Don Cooper  
Ted Postula  
Don McLean

November 10, 2014

Nick Cassel, EUP CWMA Coordinator  
Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District  
2847 Ashmun Street  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Dear Mr. Cassel:

Chippewa County supports the Eastern Upper Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area (EUP CWMA) on the Eastern Upper Peninsula Cooperative Invasive Species Management Program. Chippewa County is committed to maintaining and managing our natural resources and feels strongly that the eradication, detection, prevention, and control of invasive species is an integral focus to keeping our counties natural resources intact.

Chippewa County recognizes the threat invasive species can have on an ecosystem and we plan to continue our support of programs provided by the Conservation District and EUP CWMA to treat, monitor, and manage European Frogbit, Phragmites, garlic mustard and Japanese and giant knotweed as well as many other invasive species found in Chippewa County. The Eastern Upper Peninsula Cooperative Invasive Species Management Program would allow Chippewa County to continue collaborative efforts to meet our natural resource goals.

Chippewa County feels this project closely aligns with our natural resource goals and is pleased to provide this letter of support and show our willingness to continue to cooperate and provide support as available to the proposed project and continued efforts for detection, prevention, eradication, and control of invasive species in our county.

Sincerely,

Scott Shackleton  
Chairman