#### CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Session February 15, 2024

A Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met at a regular session on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in the 91st District Courtroom.

Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The meeting was also available via zoom. Commissioner Traynor lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Present: Damon Lieurance, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton,

James Traynor, and Chairman Jim Martin

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESNET: Administrator Kelly Church, Administrative Assistant Cady Bauers, Clerk

Steven Woodgate, and four members of the public. 2 members of the

public logged in via zoom.

#### ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Organizational meeting January 3, 2024
- Workshop January 24, 2024 as presented in Tuesday's Finance meeting

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the Clerk's office and forward as appropriate. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kinross Trustee Richard Bernhardt discussed that the County Board should make a plan as soon as possible regarding the plan to replacing the solid waste plant with the municipal processing plant.

Drummond Island Township Supervisor Jay Cameron commented that the population on Drummond Island doubled since COVID and to keep Drummond Island in mind when making a decision to transfer Home Health and Hospice.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Kelly Church provided for informational purposes only – no action items

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Appointment to Economic Development Corporation to fill vacancy to expire 3/31/2026

Roll Call taken as follows:

Commissioner Lieurance: Brian Hanna
Commissioner Savoie: Brian Hanna
Commissioner Shackleton: Brian Hanna
Commissioner Traynor: Brian Hanna
Chairman Martin: Brian Hanna

Having received a unanimous roll call vote, Brian Hanna was appointed to the Economic Development Corporation Board for a term to expire 3/31/2026.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Resolution 2024-03

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Savoie;

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-03**

## RESOLUTION TO APPOINT CHIPPEWA COUNTY AS THE COUNTY APPROVAL AGENCY (CAA) FOR THE MATERIALS MANGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS

Whereas, Chippewa County is required by law to have a Materials Management Plan (MMP) that assures adequate materials management capacity for all non-hazardous solid waste generated in the County.

Whereas, Chippewa County hereby accepts the responsibility as the County Approval Agency (CAA), serving as the primary responsible party;

Whereas, Chippewa County will be responsible for MMP implementation;

Whereas, Chippewa County will work in collaboration with Luce and Mackinac Counties to prepare a multicounty MMP;

Whereas, Chippewa County will appoint the Designated Planning Agency, and membership to the Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC)

Whereas, Chippewa County will oversee the creation and implementation of the DPA's work program;

Whereas, Chippewa County will utilize the MMP Grant funds for MMP development and implementation;

Whereas, Chippewa County will approve the MMP prior to municipal approval;

Whereas, Chippewa County will approve MMP modifications, if needed;

Whereas, Chippewa County certifies to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) the progress towards meeting all components of its materials management goals

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Part 115, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners appoints Chippewa County as the County Approval Agency (CAA) for the Materials Management Planning Process.

#### Adopted this 15th day of February 2024

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Jim Martin, Damon Lieurance, Bob Savoie, Scott Shackleton, and Jim Traynor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

#### RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

#### B. Resolution 2024-04

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance;

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-04**

## RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE EUP PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AS THE DESIGNATED PLANNING AGENCY FOR THE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING PER PART 115

Whereas, Chippewa County is required by law to have a Materials Management Plan (MMP) that assures adequate materials management capacity for all non-hazardous solid waste generated in the County.

Whereas, Chippewa County will work in collaboration with Luce and Mackinac Counties to assure that managed material is collected, processed, or disposed at facilities that are consistent with the regional plan and comply with state laws and rules

Whereas, the plan gives the County a tool in its authority over management of solid waste, recyclables, organics, and other related activities within the county;

Whereas, the plan allows for mechanisms to fund and promote materials management methods like recycling and composting;

Whereas, the plan defines regional needs, goals, and identifies possible areas of growth, and encourages collaboration through partnerships to manage materials that are generated, and identified gaps and local needs for infrastructure and services;

Whereas, once developed, the Materials Management Plan becomes a tool and the authority to implement the visits set by the planning area

Whereas, Chippewa County hereby appoints the Eastern Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Commission (EUP) as the Designated Planning Agency (DPA);

Whereas, EUP will be responsible for serving as the primary government resource in the planning area for information about the Materials Management Plan (MMP) and the MMP development process;

Whereas, EUP will be responsible for preparing the MMP work program, the MMP, consultations with all affiliated entities, publishing required public notices, obtaining written approvals from the Planning Committee, County Approval Agency, and municipalities, manage the public comment process, drafting language for review and approval of the planning committee, and ensure approval process and submittals comply with Part 115;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Part 115, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners appoints the Eastern Upper Peninsula Planning and Development Commission as the Designated Planning Agency for the Materials Management Planning Process, and as such, will be compensated for its' role through the Materials Management Planning grant, which the county is eligible to receive.

#### Adopted this 15th day of February 2024

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Jim Martin, Damon Lieurance, Bob Savoie, Scott Shackleton, and Jim Traynor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

#### RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

#### C. Resolution 2024-05

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance;

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-05**

#### A RESOLUTION FROM CHIPPEWA COUNTY EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND THE CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY WASTE REDUCTION ACT TO REPEAL PART 8

## AS ADDED BY PUBLIC ACT 233 OF 2023, IN AN EFFORT TO RESTORE LOCAL CONTROL FOR WIND AND SOLAR OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the ability of local jurisdictions to determine for themselves which projects should and should not be in their local communities; what plans are best and reasonable for each neighborhood rather than these decisions be forced onto Townships without their best interest at hand; and

WHEREAS, the legislature of the State of Michigan has passed and the Governor has signed House Bill 5120, now Public Act 233 of 2023, that strips away local community control on these issues and places the control within the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County will protect our communities land from the MPSC and special interests trying to strip away local control within legal limits; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County feel strongly that our local government is best able to assess the needs of our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioner of Chippewa resolves the following:

Section 1. Chippewa County is opposed to the legislature of the State of Michigan's passage of legislation that takes away local control and places it within the authority of the MPSC.

Section 2. Chippewa County is opposed to corporation- prioritized action such as building utility-scale wind and solar projects in our community.

Section 3. Chippewa County supports the statewide ballot initiative, Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023 which will restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities.

#### Adopted this 15th day of February 2024 - Resolution 2024-05

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Jim Martin, Damon Lieurance, Bob Savoie, Scott Shackleton, and Jim Traynor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

#### RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

# Building Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and Information Technology Committee Meeting Minutes February 12, 2024

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners' Building, Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and Information Technology Committee was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at the U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. Office in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Traynor called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

#### Additions/Deletions and Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

#### **Agenda Items**

#### **Building and Grounds**

#### Sheriff's Department - Storage Building Bid Tabulation & Recommendation

The Committee reviewed the bid tabulations for the proposed 180' x 60' storage facility building including HVAC, electrical and site work for the Chippewa County Sheriff. A total of five bids were received with the low bid of \$1,230,850.00 from Arbic Construction, Inc., being recommended by U.P. Engineers & Architects' Jeremy Gagnon. The Committee discussed the project briefly.

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the low bid of \$1,230,850.00 from Arbic Construction, Inc, which was recommended by U.P. Engineers & Architects. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### Animal Shelter Update

• No action was taken as the Committee was updated on the progress and the finances of the Animal Shelter Addition and Renovation; the windows went in last week on the addition; discussed the upcoming millage language for the August ballot.

#### Other

- No action was taken on the upcoming 2024 project which include: adding a whisper room in the District Courtroom (paid by MIDC grant); that will include electrical, painting and carpet needs. The Committee was updated on a facia issue on the north end of the Courthouse, which a piece appears to be rotten and fell off the building. This will need to be corrected prior to re-paining the Circuit Courtroom ceiling and then replacing the carpeting in Circuit Court too. These projects could keep the Courtroom down for a minimum of two weeks, if we can get everything done during the same time frame. The Committee also looked at a quote from Lumichrom Commercial Clocks to repair and update the clock on the Courthouse. A meeting will be established for the beginning of March with Lumichron and the Committee. We have a flag pole to get updated, some trees to be inspected, sprayed, and trimmed; the Courthouse exterior doors refinished and replace some chairs in the District Court hallway.
- It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, Supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the animal shelter update and other information. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

#### • Committee and Chairman's Comments

- No additional comments.
- Adjourn
- It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, the motion was CARRIED.

## FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES February 13, 2024

#### Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### Health Department - Home Health and Hospice Program

No action was taken on this agenda item, the Committee was updated on the status of Home Health and Hospice program and the proposal/MOU from MyMichigan; through the process some additional information has been brought to our attention regarding additional legal review of Hospice regulations and staffing should the MOU be agreed to. As well as, both the County and MyMichigan continuing to talk with potential partners to provide services to the residents of

Chippewa County. The Committee was also updated on an upcoming press release that will clarify that only the Home Health and Hospice Program will be closed; and this closure will not affect the other programs, not will it shut down the Hospice of the EUP Homes in Chippewa County; Director Senkus with be working with Hospice of the EUP, Executive Director Tracey Holt on the press release.

## <u>Health Department - Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Hub - pilot project</u> \$275,000.00

The Committee information on the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Hubs; which was created to address health inequities, fostering healthier and equitable communities across the State of Michigan; this MDHHS pilot project will rely on collaborative partnerships to effectively diminish racial disparities; the \$275,000.00 grant will provide the funding to support the establishment of a SDOH Hub that will be co-led by CCHD and a community based organization, with funding carried through until September 30, 2025.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and accept the MDHHS Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Hub pilot program fund of \$275,000.00 to be utilized before September 30, 2025; to address health inequities and foster healthier communities across the State of Michigan. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### Health Department - Clinic Space Use Agreement - no cost

The Committee reviewed a space use agreement between the CCHD and Up Superior Smile; allowing UP Superior Smiles use of the dental operatory and clinic space at the SHACC, 904 Marquette Avenue, Room 622, Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the Clinic Space Use Agreement between the Chippewa County Health Department and UP Superior Smiles. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### Health Department - Medication Cart Purchase \$5,898.00

The Committee reviewed a purchase request of a non-budgeted item; three quotes were reviewed and funding is available to cover the cost. This is a locking medication cart for the school health clinic (SHACC) from Universal Medical at the price of \$5,278.00 plus shipping and handling of \$620.00 for a total price of \$5,898.00

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the medication cart purchase of \$5,898.00 from Universal medical. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### <u>Health Department – Human Resources Policy – Personal Cell Phones and Electronic</u> Devices – Policy #3.00.017

The Committee reviewed the CCHD Policy #3.00.017 regarding personal cell phone and electronic devices appropriate use while on duty and/or acting as an agent of Chippewa County

Health Department (CCHD) to eliminate distraction and provide the highest quality client care and customer service.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the Human Resources Policy – Personal Cell Phones and Electronic Devices policy #3.00.017, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### County Clerk - Election Inspection Workers - hourly rate (9 days of early voting)

The County Clerk ask the Committee to approve an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour plus mileage for the Election Inspection Workers that will be needed for the 9 days of early voting. This is the amount that is reimbursable from the State of Michigan. It was noted that these workers will be W-2 receiving employees of Chippewa County.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to authorize \$15.00 per hour plus mileage for the Elections Inspection Workers. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### Surveyor - FY2024 Remonumentation Program - \$112,027.00

- FY2023 Completion Report
- Administration \$15,569.13 Patricia Weinreis
- Monumentation Contracts
  - o \$45,000.00 Alpine Engineering 25 corners
  - o \$45,000.00 Sidock Group 25 corners
- Peer Review Professional Surveyors \$5,000.00 shared
  - o Jeff Davis, P.S., Sidock Group
  - o William L. Karr, P.S., retired
  - o Ginger L. Michalski, P.S., Alpine Engineering
  - o Larry Rogers, P.S., semi-retired
  - o Lawrence Weinreis, P.S., M.D.O.T

The Committee reviewed the FY2023 Completion report, the 2024 Survey and Remonumentation Grant from the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation of \$97,027.00 and the County contributing \$15,000.00 for a total of \$112,027.00. The Committee reviewed the contracts for administration, monumentation and peer review for the 2024 Remonumentation Program. All documents need to be approved and authorized for signature by the Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to accept and authorize the Completion Report for Grant Year 2023, the Program Representative/Administrative contract in the amount \$15,569.18 for Patricia Weinreis, P.S., under the direct supervision of Robert Laitinen, PS, Chippewa County Surveyor; to approve two (2) Monumentation contracts each contract for \$45,000 for Alpine Engineering and Sidock Group to monument 25 corners each; to approve five Professional Service Agreements for the Peer Review Surveyors, total not to exceed \$5,000 for the following Surveyors: Jeff Davis, P.S., Sidock Group; William L. Karr, P.S., retired, Ginger L. Michalski-Wallace, P.S., Alpine Engineering; Larry Rogers, P.S., Rogers Land Surveying and Lawrence Weinreis, P.S., M.D.O.T. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### Central Dispatch - Luce County Service Agreement - \$64,530.00

The Committee reviewed the Luce County Intergovernmental Emergency Dispatch Services Agreement; as during a recent SNC audit, the agreement language was questioned with regards to the 5-year auto renewal; this new agreement has three changes that are the dated for the renewed agreement, the dollar amount due to Chippewa County for the services and the language regarding the auto renewal.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Shackleton to authorize, and approve the \$64,530.00 renewed intergovernmental service agreement between County of Luce and Chippewa County Emergency Services, as presented and updated. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

## <u>Central Dispatch - Lease Renewal DCS Tower Sub, LLC (DeTour Tower) Current Rate</u> \$9,126.63 with annual increases of 3% - Five-year lease

The Committee reviewed the second amendment for the Communications Tower lease for the Detour Tower for use of the Tower Facility; a five-year lease with a current annual payment of \$9,126.63; with an increase of (annual escalator) of 3%, the agreement also includes an auto renewal for three additional periods; which makes this lease available for up to 20 years.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize the DCS Tower Sub, LLC 5-year renewable lease for the Detour Tower with Chippewa County Central Dispatch, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### Central Dispatch – Title III Certification for 2023 payment year - \$714.76

The Committee reviewed the Certificate of Title III expenditures for FY2023 in the amount of \$714.76 for the County's Secure Rural Schools and required by Law under Section 302(a) of the Act of 2000.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie and supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the County's Certification of Title III Expenditures and Unobligated Funds for FY2023 payment year, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

## <u>Sheriff's Department – Purchase Transport Van for \$83,199.00 waive County purchasing policy</u>

The Committee reviewed information form Sheriff Bitnar regarding the purchase of a new secure transport van, which is a budgeted item for FY2024. The 2023 Ram Promaster 2500 full size van is a more secure than the current van being used, and comes with all the security barriers, window coverings, gender separation areas for the inmates. The request asks that the Committee approve waive the County's bid process as AutoFarm Ambulance Sales has the van on site; with a newer 2024 van costing over an additional \$3,000.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the purchase of the 2023 Ram Promaster 2500 full size secured transport van from AutoFarm Ambulance Sales for \$83,199.00 and to waive the County purchasing policy. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

### <u>Sheriff's Department – Release RFQ for two (2) Dodge Durango, Police/Pursuit package SUV's</u>

The Committee reviewed the RFQ for Sheriff's Department SUV's.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the request for quotations for two (2) Dodge Durango, Police/Pursuit package SUVs, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### Information Systems – JAVS Maintenace and Support – 91st District Court - \$5,972.00

The Committee reviewed the JAVS Maintenance and Support Agreement for Chippewa County's 91<sup>st</sup> District Court in the amount of \$5,972.00, to provide annual extended warranty, prevention maintenance, support and services from February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the annual JAVS Maintenance and Support Agreement for 91<sup>st</sup> District Court at the price of \$5,972.00. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### Information Systems – LSSU Project - inventory system for equipment and supplies

The Committee reviewed a memo from Information Technology Specialist Anthony Zakic, who requested to proceed with an Information System project with LSSU's, School of Computer Science and Mathematics; the project is to revise the current legacy inventory system and process related computer equipment tracking, as well as, the office inventory that is disbursed by the County's Building and Grounds staff. The Committee is asked to authorize signature for the technical requirement document and project acceptance document.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to proceed with the LSSU project to revise the inventory system for equipment and supplies, and to authorize the necessary signatures by Information Technology Specialist Anthony Zakic. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

## <u>MDOC Probation and Parole – MOU – Multi-function (MFD) copier-printer-scanner-Fax</u> use

The Committee reviewed an MOU between the Michigan Department of Correction and Chippewa County for use of the multi-function devices (MFD); this is a five-year MOU effective from January 2024 until January 2029.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the MOU between the Michigan Department of Corrections and Chippewa County for use of the multi-function device (MFD); this is a five-year MOU effective January 2024 until January 2029. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### Administration - Otis Elevator - auto-renew for five-year term

The Committee reviewed the current maintenance contract for the three County Building elevators (machine numbers 404926, 436376, and 551679); Administration reached out to Otis Elevator Company and the auto-renewal will be more cost effective for the County and asked that the maintenance agreement to be auto-renewed on August 1, 2024 for a five-year period.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to authorize the Otis Elevator Company Maintenance Agreement to auto-renew for a five-year period on August 1, 2024. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### Administration - Opioid Settlement Monies - discussion

A workshop will be established so that a discussion with the area agencies, there needs and to hear their ideas for the use of the opioid monies; to date we have received \$187,119.40, with the first payments being received in February 2023.

#### Finance - Claims and Accounts - January - County and Health Department

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to recommend the approval of January County bills and payroll: general claims \$456,060.53, other fund claims \$2,319,246.12, payroll \$458,553.24, and Health Department claims \$934,438.09 and payroll \$206,913.41 total claims \$4,375,211.39. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

#### **Committee Comments**

#### **Chairman Comments**

#### Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Chairman Martin to adjourn.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Shackleton commented regarding the opioid workshop. If the commissioners, Health Department, or Sheriff Department have any ideas that are in the development area, there will need to be an outline and an investigation if it is acceptable use of that money. If there is a meeting, he is hoping it is productive.

Commissioner Traynor commented regarding the Hospice to keep it rolling along and make sure everybody in the county is covered.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Chairman Martin commented on the City getting \$600,000 regarding the Opioid and it would make sense to pool the County's money with the City.

Commissioner Shackleton said the County should either coordinate or be knowledgeable with the City to use the money the best way.

Chairman Martin also mentioned the Hospice issue and want as many people as possible to have access to that care. The are waiting for issues to be resolved and as soon as they can start moving forward, they will as quickly as they can.

Commissioner Savoie mentioned there lots of rumors regarding the Home Health and Hospice program. He thanked Health Administrator Karen Senkus for sending out the press release to end some of the rumors. He also wants to make the program better in the future than it is now with service providers coming in. Chippewa County was the only county to provide those services in the last ten years and they are getting interest on outside venders. Commissioner Savoie says that in the end, the Home Health and Hospice program will be an improvement.

Commissioner Shackleton commented that there are 83 counties in the State and 82 of them have home health and hospice services that are independent from the county, and that is the direction Chippewa County is going to be going.

Chairman Martin mentioned The County wants to do this right because they will not get a second chance. Everybody has been positive on the Board. The Administrator and Health Department have been exceptionable trying to get through this.

Commissioner Traynor mentioned some people think the Health Department is going to be gone altogether, but that is not true. It is only Home Health and Hospice and nothing else.

Commissioner Shackleton commented the County is mandated by the State to provide most of the services the Health Department provides. All of the services will continue except for Home Health and Hospice.

It was moved by Chairman Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie to adjourn, accordingly. The Board adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Woodgate, Clerk

James Martin, Chairman