

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Organizational Meeting
January 7, 2025

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met for their Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in the 91st District Courtroom.

County Clerk Steven Woodgate called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via zoom. Commissioner Knepper lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Present: Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance, Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton and James Traynor

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Kelly Church, Clerk Steven Woodgate, Administrative Assistant Cady Bauers and 5 members of the public. 8 members of the public logged in via zoom.

The Oath of Office was given by County Clerk Steven Woodgate to all County Commissioners.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to nominate Jim Martin for Chairman.

Nominations were called for three times. Hearing no further nominations, the Clerk declared the nominations closed.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Knepper:	Jim Martin
Commissioner Lieurance:	Jim Martin
Commissioner Martin:	Jim Martin
Commissioner Shackleton:	Jim Martin
Commissioner Traynor:	Jim Martin

The Clerk declared Commissioner Martin re-elected as Chairman for the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to nominate Scott Shackleton for Vice-Chair.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Knepper: Scott Shackleton
Commissioner Lieurance: Scott Shackleton
Commissioner Martin: Scott Shackleton
Commissioner Shackleton: Scott Shackleton
Commissioner Traynor: Scott Shackleton

Commissioner Shackleton was declared elected as Vice-Chairman for the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Regular Board Meeting – December 19, 2024

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK’S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept the correspondence received and to forward as appropriate. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ivan Gable, Hiawatha Behavior Health Board member, told the Commission he is up for re-appointment.

Simon Langdon said the Commission’s meetings are professional and also discussed problems with EUPTA’s Board and a captain harassing a citizen.

Krystal Truax, Drummond Island Supervisor, introduced herself to the commission.

Matt Keller recommended to the Commission a couple nominees for the EUPTA Board

NEW BUSINESS

Appointments to various Boards, Committees, and Agencies

Building Code of Appeals – Three appointments to expire 12/31/2026

Current Members: Kathy Cairns, Samuel White

Applicants: Carmine Bonacci

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, for a unanimous count for Carmine Bonacci. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Carmine Bonacci was appointed to the Building Code of Appeals to expire 12/31/2026.

Department of Health & Human Services – One appointment to expire 10/31/2028

Current Member: Thomas Boger
Applicants: Thomas Boger

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Knepper, for a unanimous ballot count for Thomas Boger. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Thomas Boger was re-appointed to the Department of Health & Human Services to expire 10/31/2028

Department of Veteran's Affairs – One appointment to expire 3/31/2029

Current Member: Robert Savoie
Applicants: James Bergdoll, Nathan Marra, David Pearce, and Robert Savoie

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Knepper: Pass
Commissioner Lieurance: Robert Savoie
Commissioner Shackleton: Robert Savoie
Commissioner Traynor: Robert Savoie
Chairman Martin: Robert Savoie
Commissioner Knepper: Robert Savoie

Having received a majority vote, Robert Savoie was re-appointed to the Department of Veteran's Affairs to expire 3/31/2029.

E 9-1-1 – One appointment to expire 12/31/2026

Current Member: Thomas Mckee
Applicants: Thomas Mckee

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, for a unanimous ballot for Thomas McKee. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Thomas Mckee was re-appointed to the E 9-1-1 to expire 12/31/2026

Economic Development Corporation – One appointment to expire 3/31/2031

Current Member: James Parker
Applicants: Carmine Bonacci, Timothy Ellis, and James Parker

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Knepper: Pass
Commissioner Lieurance: James Parker
Commissioner Shackleton: James Parker
Commissioner Traynor: James Parker

Chairman Martin: James Parker
Commissioner Knepper: James Parker

Having received a majority vote, James Parker was re-appointed to the Economic Development Corporation to expire 3/31/2031.

EUP Transportation Authority – One appointment to expire 12/31/2027

Current Member: Nicholas Huyck
Applicants: Jan Jones, Jesse Knoll, Burt Menard, Jeffrey Middlestead, Lori Miller, Tim Moher, and Bradley Sommers

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Knepper: Jeffrey Middlestead
Commissioner Lieurance: Jeffrey Middlestead
Commissioner Shackleton: Jeffrey Middlestead
Commissioner Traynor: Lori Miller
Chairman Martin: Jeffrey Middlestead

Having received a majority vote, Jeffrey Middlestead was appointed to the EUP Transportation Authority to expire 12/31/2027

Hiawatha Behavior Health – One appointment to expire 3/31/2028

Current Member: Ivan Gable
Applicants: Ivan Gable and Nicole Oliver

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Knepper: Pass
Commissioner Lieurance: Ivan Gable
Commissioner Shackleton: Ivan Gable
Commissioner Traynor: Nicole Oliver
Chairman Martin: Ivan Gable
Commissioner Knepper: Nicole Parker

Having received a majority vote, Ivan Gable was re-appointed to the Hiawatha Behavior Health to expire 3/31/2028

Road Commission – One appointment to expire 12/31/2030

Current Member: Chuck Moser
Applicants: Chuck Moser and Tim Sibbald

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Knepper: Chuck Moser
Commissioner Lieurance: Chuck Moser
Commissioner Shackleton: Chuck Moser

Commissioner Traynor: Chuck Moser
Chairman Martin: Chuck Moser

Having received a majority vote, Chuck Moser was re-appointed to the Road Commission to expire 12/31/2030

Superior District Library Board – One appointment to expire 12/31/2027

Current Member: Sheila Bergdoll
Applicants: Sheila Bergdoll

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Knepper, for a unanimous ballot for Sheila Bergdoll. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheila Bergdoll was re-appointed to the Superior District Library Board to expire 12/31/2027

UP State Fair Authority – One appointment to expire 12/31/2026

Current Member: Jerald Campbell
Applicants: Jerald Campbell

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, for a unanimous ballot for Jerald Campbell. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Jerald Campbell was re-appointed to the EUP State Fair Authority to expire 12/31/2026

Chairman's Appointments

**Chippewa County Board of Commissioners
Chairman's Appointments**

2025 Boards and Committee Appointments

<u>Board of Public Works</u> – Term of Office	All Commissioners
<u>Community Action Agency (includes Small Cities):</u>	
Term of Office	Commissioner Traynor
<u>County/City Liaison Committee:</u>	
Term of Office	Commissioner Martin
Term of Office	Commissioner Knepper
<u>County/Township Liaison Committee:</u>	
Term of Office	Commissioner Lieurance
Term of Office	Commissioner Shackleton
Term of Office	Commissioner Traynor
<u>Department of Veterans Affairs Liaison:</u>	
Term of Office	Commissioner Lieurance
<u>Prison Liaison:</u> (Commissioners and/or Administrator)	
Term of Office	Commissioner Lieurance

Commissioner Traynor

Upward Talent Council (EUP/Michigan Works):

Term of Office

Commissioner Lieurance

Term of Office (alternate)

Commissioner Martin

Chippewa County Recycling Committee: (All Term of Office)

Board Chair

Commissioner Martin

County Administrator

Administrator Church

Regional Planning and Development:

Term of Office

Commissioner Traynor

Alternate, Term of Office

Commissioner Knepper

Eastern U.P. Regional Trails Consortium Rep. Commissioner Martin

Central Dispatch Board of Directors:

Term of Office

Commissioner Traynor

County Administrator

Administrator Church

UPCAP

Term of Office

Commissioner Lieurance

UP RC&D

Term of Office

Administrator Church

Alternate

Commissioner Martin

UP Environmental Health Code – Board of Appeals

Commissioner Shackleton

Commissioner Knepper

Administrator Church

Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program

Term of Office

Commissioner Martin

County Commission Committees (All Term of Office)

Jim Martin, Chairperson

Scott Shackleton, Vice-Chairperson

Finance and Health Care Trust (“OPEB Trust”)

Chair Scott Shackleton, Vice-Chair Justin Knepper. All County Commission Members.

Building, Grounds and Jail /Legislative and Natural Resources/Information Technology Committee

Chair Traynor, members Commissioners Shackleton and Knepper

Personnel/Equalization and Apportionment/Transportation/Health and Social Services
Committee

Chair Lieurance, members Commissioner Shackleton and Knepper

*Term of Office for the Commissioners is 12/31/2028.

Meeting Schedule and Times and Holiday Schedule

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve both schedules as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

County Bylaws and Rule of Procedure

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the County Bylaws and Rules of Procedure. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Organization Chart

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Martin, to approve the Organization Chart. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Annual Policy Review

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to accept the policy as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Approve December Claims and Accounts

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the December claims and accounts for the County and Health Department. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Shackleton commented on being pleased to be back and is looking forward to working with the Board. Commissioner Knepper stated the Commissioners took the board appointments very seriously and thanked Nick Huyck for his service on the EUPTA Board. Commissioners Lieurance, Traynor, and Chairman Martin thanked all the applicants for applying and told them not to give up.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairman Martin, supported by Commissioner Traynor to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 5:06 P.M.



Steven Woodgate, Clerk



James Martin, Chairman