

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
February 16, 2023

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Thursday, February 16, 2023, in the 91st District Courtroom.

Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via Zoom. Commissioner Lieurance led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Damon Lieurance, Robert Savoie, James Traynor,
and Chairman James Martin.

ABSENT: Commissioner Shackleton

ALSO, PRESENT: Administrator Kelly Church, Cathy Maleport, Clerk, Karen Senkus, Joe Nolan,
Don Riley, Kevin Kalchik, Toni Phillips, Calvin Carter, Erik Baron, Bev Eavou
Present Via Zoom: None

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded 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 Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the January 2, 2023, Organizational Meeting minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The Director of Community Action, Joe Nolan, appeared before the Board to introduce himself. He also introduced his Senior Services Director, Toni Phillips, and Board member Don Riley/ former Senior Services Director, and provided information on their services.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Kelly Church - provided for informational purposes only - *no action items.*

NEW BUSINESS

A) Chairman's Appointment – Upward Talent Council (EUP/Michigan Works)

After some discussion Chairman Jim Martin appointed Commissioner Damon Lieurance to the Upward Talent Council (EUP/Michigan Works) Board for his term of office.

B) Resolution 2023-01 – County Surveyor Records Depository and Accessibility

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve Resolution 2023-01 as follows:

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION # 2023-01

**A RESOLUTION FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR RECORDS
DEPOSITORY AND ACCESSIBILITY**

WHEREAS, by Act No. 79, p. 105, of the Public Acts of 1905 as amended, codified at MCL 54.100, which refers to the safekeeping of the books and records of the county surveyor's office, it becomes the duty of this board to designate a depository for the safekeeping of said books and records: It is therefore resolved that the Room 10, located at Chippewa County Building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 is hereby designated as such depository.

WHEREAS, given the historical significance and the irreplaceable nature of the records, and the availability of the surveyor and/or his/her designee these records will be accessible to the public, by appointment or on Wednesdays of each week, unless the County is closed in recognition of a holiday, for emergency purposes, and/or availability of the Surveyor or his/her designee.

The office maybe closed or have short hours without notice, the County website will be updated to reflect closures.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Chippewa, designate Room 10, located at Chippewa County Building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI as the designated depository for the County Surveyor records, excepting that this shall not apply to the field books which are required to be used in the field by the surveyor in making his/her surveys, during the time when such books are thus being used. The county surveyor and his deputies shall keep the records of their surveys required by this act written up in full for each month within seven days after the close of the month.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Damon Lieurance, Robert Savoie, James Traynor and
Chairman Jim Martin

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

**C) Resolution 2022-02 Honoring the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th
Anniversary**

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve Resolution 2022-02 as follows:

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION #2023-02
HONORING the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary**

WHEREAS, Michigan’s 83 county governments play a central role in the proper delivery of, and oversight for, critical public services for the state’s approximately 10 million residents; and

WHEREAS, Michigan county governments are led by Boards of Commissioners, who are elected from their communities; and

WHEREAS, the State Association of Supervisors of Michigan was formed by representatives of 16 counties on Feb. 1, 1898, in the Senate chamber of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing; and

WHEREAS, the association’s name was changed to the Michigan Association of Counties on July 17, 1969; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties is the oldest association representing local governments in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, 48 of Michigan’s 83 counties have had at least one of their commissioners (or supervisors prior to 1968) serve as president of the association’s Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the association created the Michigan Counties Workers’ Compensation Fund in 1979 to help county members provide workplace safety and injury insurance services to its employees; and

WHEREAS, the association created the Michigan Association of Counties Service Corporation in 1986 to partner with service providers to help counties save money on everything from health insurance to telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, the association hosts two major conferences every year to bring together county leaders for briefings on trending public policy issues and to hear from state newsmakers and others; and

WHEREAS, the association’s advocacy work in Lansing and beyond has advanced the interests of county governments and the residents they serve; and

WHEREAS, no fewer than five association presidents have served or are serving in the Michigan Legislature in the 21st century, a testament to the culture of public service inculcated by the association

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CHIPPEWA COUNTY wishes to commend and honor the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary year.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Damon Lieurance, Robert Savoie, James Traynor and Chairman Jim Martin

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

D) Resolution 2023-03 Special Recognition of MSP Detective/Sergeant Steven Seccia

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve Resolution 2022-03 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 03

RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

OF DETECTIVE/SERGEANT STEVEN A. SECCIA

WHEREAS, *Detective/Sergeant Steve A. Seccia* a Newberry High School graduate, started his career with the city police departments of Ishpeming and Marquette prior to attending the Michigan State Police School in 1998; ***Detective/Sergeant Seccia*** was then assigned to the St. Ignace Post as a Trooper; then became Detective Trooper of the Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement Team; next returning to the Saint Ignace Post as Uniform Sergeant and finishing his career as the Detective Sergeant of the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET East); and

WHEREAS, *Detective/Sergeant Steve A. Seccia* has worked exhaustively and conscientiously at upholding and representing the highly professional image of the Michigan State Police; ***Detective/Sergeant Steve A. Seccia's*** work ethic, his integrity, and his attention to detail have earned him the utmost regard of his fellow troopers, peers, and supervisors; and

WHEREAS, *Detective/Sergeant Steve A. Seccia* will retire from service with the Michigan State Police, on March 1, 2023 after 25 years of service to the Michigan State Police. He was a Tactical Member of the Emergency Support Team from 2002 to 2016, received three Professional Excellence Awards during his career, and will be greatly missed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank ***Detective/Sergeant Steve A. Seccia*** for his twenty-five years of public service with the State of Michigan and especially for his work in Chippewa County and the Eastern Upper Peninsula.
2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends their best wishes to ***Detective/Sergeant Steve A. Seccia*** for many years of enjoyment in his retirement.

AYES: Commissioners Damon Lieurance, Robert Savoie, James Traynor and
Chairman Jim Martin

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Chairman – Commissioner Traynor

February 9, 2023

Agenda Items

Building and Grounds

MyMichigan – Lease/Land Appraisal

The Committee briefly reviewed the history of this proposal of selling the property associated with the current MyMichigan – Sault campus. MyMichigan President Kevin Kalchik reviewed the hospital's plans for the campus with estimated costs for projects that will have MyMichigan investing \$70 million over the next seven years. Potential projects include investment in the roof, windows, water filtration, laboratory renovations, elevator replacement, surgery, pharmacy expansions, inpatient psych relation/renovation, parking lots, and long-term care. Mr. Kalchik indicated that no County money has been used since 1988 and that MyMichigan employs over 900 employees. He then reviewed the campus boundaries and the County and Hospital owned sheet; and explained that MyMichigan would like to have ownership of the property before they would make such a significant investment. Commissioner Savoie indicated that it's time to get the information on the land and its value and to decide so that MyMichigan does not relocate. The Committee wants the best health care possible for Chippewa County and the surrounding area. The proposal is to get two types of appraisals to fact gather; one appraisal would be bricks and mortar for the current market value for commercial property, and the other would be an appraisal that is a conceptual value that takes the value of the 60-year lease into account. There would be no financial obligation for the cost of the appraisals, as MyMichigan has agreed to pay for them. The County's only financial commitments would be for legal counsel costs. Integra Realty Resources and Northern Michigan Real Estate Consultants, who have experience with hospitals and knowledge of the MyMichigan – Sault campus, have been contacted.

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to authorize seeking two appraisals for the County owned portion of the MyMichigan – Sault campus. A conceptual appraisal and a bricks and mortar appraisal. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Animal Shelter Renovation

The Committee was updated and reminded of the proposed Animal Shelter Renovation, prompted by a substantial private donation. The Board of Commissioners previously approved Dynamic Design Group, Inc. to complete a two-phase design and engineering project, which is completed. The project's estimated cost is 1.2 million; before any alterations, additions, or deletions, it would be a multi-phase project as the shelter still needs to be operational during the renovation. The shelter Manager reviewed funding; the fund has over \$800,000 in the donations special fund, with known continued contributions annually over the next fifteen years. She spoke about the special millage fund briefly; indicating that those funds are specifically for direct animal care; but in the past year, due to increased veterinary services; that fund balance of \$20,000 was used for FY2022. The millage expires, and she will seek an increase of 0.01 mill.

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to authorize and support releasing a Design Development/Build RFQ for the Shelter's renovation. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept the February 9, 2023, Building Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and Information Technology Committee minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Robert Savoie

February 14, 2023

AGENDA ITEMS

Health Department- Contracts

- Superior Health Support Systems (SHSS) for Nursing Services
- DSTech Statement of Work

The Committee reviewed a contract between Superior Health Support Systems (SHSS) and the Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD) for nursing services for residents of Hearthside Assisted Living Facility and an updated Statement of Work from DSTech, switching from a monthly plan to an annual plan, the change will not increase any fees. It will add some previously not covered services regarding the network's security.

Commissioner Savoie moved it, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the Agreement between Superior Health Support Systems and CCHD for nursing services at Hearthside Assisted Living Facility and the new DSTech Statement of Work, changing from a monthly renewal to an annual renewal, with no added cost. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department- Contracts

- MyMichigan Rehabilitative Services Agreement

The Committee reviewed the Rehabilitative Services Agreement between Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD) and MyMichigan Medical Center Sault, which provides physical and occupational therapy, speech pathology, and rehabilitation services for CCHD's home health patients. This renewal is effective for a three (3) year term expiring February 28, 2026; through negotiations, the CCHD was able to remove a couple of items that were time-consuming for billing and tracking. There is an overall increase in cost for the services.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to authorize and approve the Rehabilitative Services Agreement, as presented between CCHD and MyMichigan Medical Center Sault for Home Health Services. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Special Project Award

- Purchase 2 (two) Smartboards with PC module \$12,308.00

The Committee reviewed a Notice of Award from MDHHS Emergency Preparedness and Response Division to support the expenses for 2 (two) Smartboards with PC modules and input devices for the Incident Command Center. The award was originally \$12,208.00 and increased to \$12,308.00 to cover the total invoice from VSC, Inc. for the purchase and delivery.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept the award of \$12,308.00 from Emergency Preparedness and Response Division to purchase 2 (two) Smartboards from VSC, Inc. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Personnel

- **Promote a Clerk (Grade 3) to Biller (Grade 4) position.**
- **Add a ½ position and combine with a ½ position for a Home Health/Finance Clerk FTE, a potential cost increase of \$36,000.00**
- **Hire a Temporary Employee for the Hearing and Vision Technician position, following the policy to pay at 90% of the start rate.**

The Committee had been updated via emails on these requests before the meeting, and these personnel changes were sought by Health Department Administration to help day-to-day operations and to make sure the Chippewa County students received the hearing and vision tests timely with regards to the temporary employee.

Commissioner Savoie moved it, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the personnel changes as presented: promote Clerk to Biller; combine positions for a new FTE Home Health/Finance Clerk and hire a temporary Hearing and Vision Technician, following policy for pay. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Department – Out of State travel

The Commissioners reviewed a request for a School Resource Officer to attend a National Association of School Resource Officers conference in Minnesota, travel to be paid from the SRO fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize travel to Minnesota for the National Association of School Resource Officers conference for a County SRO. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Department – Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. renewal – 0% - No Pool - \$383,999 with a \$0.51 per diem rate

The Committee was updated on the inmate healthcare renewal with Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. who provided two options; one that involved staying in the annual pool, which has the benefit of the provider paying for biomedical waste disposal, medical supplies disposal, and mobile services, which comes with a 4% increase renewal, or opting out of the pool which is a 0% renewal and the County pays for the biomedical waste disposal, medical supplies disposal, and mobile services directly. Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. will transfer the bills to our name, and we were told there would be no additional cost, and the rates will remain the same. The Sheriff and Administration, through discussion with Program Consultant Rachael Wunder, asked the Committee to approve the 0% renewal with no pool.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the Advanced Correctional Healthcare, Inc. from 1/1/2023 to 12/31/2023 for inmate health care, opting for the 0% renewal with no pool at the annual price of \$383,999 with a \$0.51 per diem rate. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Department – Cadet Sponsorship update and changes

The Sheriff updated the Committee on sending corrections employee David Hall to an MCOLES police academy as the funding has changed with academy and housing costs being covered by MCOLES Grant; MiWorks paying for transportation and wages being covered by MCOLES grant, vacation time and wages of \$19.20/hour from the School Resource Officer Fund. The Sheriff will approve a leave of absence from the Corrections position with health benefits unaffected.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office Cadet Sponsorship Program as presented and updated, sponsoring David Hall and approving the costs as presented. MCOLES grant covering the academy, housing, and \$4,000.00 in wages; MiWorks covering transportation; Deputy Hall using four weeks' vacation and the estimated balance of \$5,216.00 plus fringes paid from the SRO fund. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Veterans Affairs – Grant for advertising, hardware, and Veterans Services

The Committee reviewed documentation from the Veterans Affairs Committee showing the Chippewa County Veteran Voucher grant program, restrictions and term of usage and the voucher for snow removal.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to acknowledge and accept the necessary documents for the snow removal for Veterans in Chippewa County, as approved by the Chippewa County Veterans Affairs Committee on January 31, 2023. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Surveyor – FY2023 Remonumentation Program - \$134,346.00

FY2022 Completion Report

Administration - \$15,993.36 – Patricia Weinreis

Monumentation Contracts

- **\$56,000.00 – Alpine Engineering – 32 corners**
- **\$56,000.00 – Sidock Group – 32 corners**

Peer Review Professional Surveyors - \$5,000.00 shared

- **Jeff Davis, P.S., Sidock Group**
- **William L. Karr, P.S., retired**
- **Ginger L. Michalski, P.S., Alpine Engineering**
- **Larry Rogers, P.S., semi-retired**
- **Lawrence Weinreis, P.S., M.D.O.T**

The Committee reviewed the FY2022 Completion report, the 2023 Survey and Remonumentation Grant from the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation, previously approved on November 17, 2022, for \$119,346.00 and the County contributing \$15,000.00 for a total of \$134,346.00. Before the Committee are the contracts for the 2023 Remonumentation Program. All documents need to be approved and authorized for signature by the Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept and authorize the Completion Report for Grant Year 2022, the Program Representative/Administrative contract in the amount of \$15,993.36 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 \$56,000 for Alpine Engineering and Sidock Group to monument 32 corners apiece; 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.

Administration – NorthCare Network Service Agreements

- **Public Defender - \$5,000.00**

- **Health Department/Needle Exchange – \$26,000.00**
- **50th Circuit Court-Drug Court - \$30,000.00**

The Committee reviewed three awards from NorthCare Network Services; a Service Agreement with the Public Defender’s Office for \$5,000.00, to be used for OWI and/or drug cases for uninsured or underinsured client’s assessment fees. An MOU with the Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD) for \$26,000.00 to be used for the Needle Exchange Program known as the Safe X-Change program and another Service Agreement with Chippewa County 50th Circuit Drug Court for \$30,000.00, to be used to further the integration of criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment programming.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded to Commissioner Traynor, to authorize acceptance of the three awards from NorthCare Network Service with the Public Defender for \$5,000, with CCHD for \$26,000.00 and with 50th Circuit Court – Drug Court for \$30,000.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration- Contract

- **DSTech Statement of Work**

The Committee reviewed the updated Statement of Work with DSTech, which will not increase the cost; but will be switching from month-to-month to an annual contract; and bill a portion separately so that the County can seek reimbursement from a SOM grant, add some security services and build in some help desk hours for Information Systems.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the Statement of Work for Professional Services with DSTech at no additional cost. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Regular March Meeting Date

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to change the date of the March Regular meeting from Thursday, March 16th to Wednesday, March 15th due to conflicting schedules. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Finance - Claims and Accounts – January – County and Health Department and Increase County Credit Card limit w/Central Savings Bank to \$10,000.00

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to recommend the approval of January County bills and payroll: general claims \$461,796.07, other fund claims \$587,307.37, payroll \$631,713.88, and Health Department claims \$243,193.43 and payroll \$228,690.25 total claims \$2,152,701.00 and to authorize the Central Savings Bank County credit card limit increase to \$10,000.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION – To consider purchase of real property

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to authorize Sheriff Mike Bitnar, Administrator Church with Commissioners Savoie and Shackleton to negotiate terms and a purchase price for 128 E. Portage Avenue, SSM to be consider by the full Board at a later date. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept the February 14, 2023 Finance Claims and Accounts minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

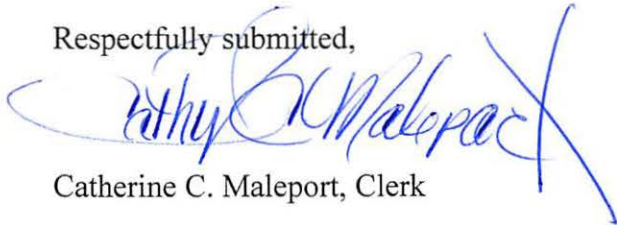
COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Among some of the comments were as follows:

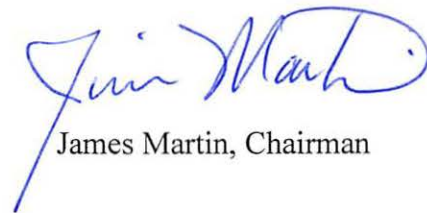
- *Chairman Martin announced that our hearts go to Michigan State and the Spartan Nation for what happened. He also stated that Commissioner Shackleton is not with us because he also had a tragedy in his family.*

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the Board adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk



James Martin, Chairman