

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
March 17, 2022

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Thursday, March 17, 2022, 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 Postula led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Erik Baron, Ted Postula, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton and Chairman Jim Martin.

ALSO, PRESENT: Bev Eavou, April Boone, Lee Myers, Cynthia Post-Byron, Sara Eisinger, Jim and Michelle Traynor, Jim Page, Calvin Carter, Karen Senkus, Tim Moher, Colleen Lavey, Marta LaLonde, Nancy Moher, Administrator Kelly Church and Cathy Maleport, Clerk. *Present via Zoom:* B Wiesner

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Postula, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the February 17, 2022, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

Commissioner Shackleton referenced Resolutions in the Correspondence and asked that the Commission look at and do similar ones to be considered at the April Board meeting, urging the return of state workers to in-person and supporting the Community Mental Health Authorities' position on the State legislation.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cynthia Post-Byron, a Registered Nurse and Clinical Director for AdvisaCare of Northern Michigan, appeared before the Board to ask the Commission to contact our State Representatives to support a fix regarding the lost auto insurance reform.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

OLD BUSINESS

(A) Department of Health & Human Services

1) Accept new applications (Thomas Boger & Raymond “Rudy” Johnson)

It was noted that Raymond “Rudy” Johnson withdrew his application.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to accept the application and cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas Boger to the Department of Health & Human Services Board for a term to expire October 31, 2025. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2022

Chairman – Commissioner Savoie

AGENDA ITEMS

Health Department – Environmental Health & Personal and Family Health Fee Schedule

The Committee received the updated fee schedule for Environmental Health Services and for Personal and Family Health Services; these rate increases are based on insurance reimbursement rates and have all been reviewed by the Health Officer to make sure we recover the most possible from the insurance carriers.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to authorize the Environmental Health and Personal and Family Health fee schedules as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – 2022 MMOOG Grant - \$8,361

The Committee reviewed the Michigan Medical Marijuana Operation and Oversight Grant (MMOOG) that was sought and received by the Health Department in the amount of \$8,361.00 that will be used to increase education and outreach to the community.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to authorize acceptance of Grant No. 2022 MMOOG Chippewa County Health Department for \$8,361 to increase education and outreach to the community. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

District Court – Service Agreement between NorthCare Network and Sobriety Court

The Committee received and reviewed a copy of the Service Agreement between Chippewa County 91st District Sobriety Court and NorthCare Network for \$31,000 to be used to further the integration of criminal justice and substance use disorder treatment programming.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to authorize acceptance of the Service Agreement between 91st District Court Sobriety Court and NorthCare Network for \$31,000 to further the substance use disorder treatment programming. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Recycling – Recycling Program Proposition Millage Renewal Request

The Committee reviewed the millage renewal language a presented for the August 2022 election for the Recycling Program.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to approve the Recycling Program Proposition Millage Renewal for the August 2022 election as follows:

**Recycling Program Proposition
Millage Request**

(This proposal will permit the County to renew and continue the millage which was previously approved by the electors in 2018 to fund the recycling program in Chippewa County)

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on all taxable real and tangible personal property in Chippewa County, Michigan, be increased by an amount not to exceed .50 mill (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for 4 years, being 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, inclusive, to provide funds for the development and continued operations of the Chippewa County Recycling Program, and shall the County levy such millage for said purpose? The estimate of revenue the County will collect if this millage is approved and levied in 2022 is \$630,000. (This is a renewal of the millage that expired with the 2021 tax levy?)

On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Office of Emergency Services – Deployable Security Kits – Bid Summary

The Committee reviewed the bid summary for a Region 8 Homeland Security project to purchase deployable security kits, which will be distributed to the Upper Peninsula counties (two kits for each county). The kits include flashlights, metal detectors, and vests, which can be used for screening at court, polling locations on election days, and large events open to the public. Three bids were received and met specifications. Region 8 Homeland Security will fully reimburse this project.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize the low bid of \$16,533.66 from Uline to provide 60 rechargeable flashlights, 60 handheld metal detectors, and 60 vests for deployable security kits, a fully reimbursed Region 8 Homeland Security project, with two kits going to each of the Upper Peninsula counties. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – DSTech

**Updated Master Services Agreement (MSA)
Updated Statement of Work (SOW)**

The Committee reviewed an updated Master Services Agreement (MSA) and Statement of Work (SOW) from DSTech, which provides a variety of information technology services to Chippewa County. Administration and the I.T. reviewed, and no changes are needed at this time; all services from DSTech are month-to-month.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to authorize signature for the updated DSTech Master Services Agreement and the Statement of Work, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Wolverine Power Systems – Generator Maintenance

The Committee received a quote for the repairs and maintenance needed from Wolverine Power Systems in the amount of \$6,380.11.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to approve the quote for repairs from Wolverine Power Systems in the amount of \$6,380.11 for the County building generator. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Bid Summaries

- Sheriff Ford Utility Police SUV
- Sheriff Dodge Charger Patrol Unit
- Sheriff Ford F-150 Police Package

The Committee was advised the 2022 vehicles are not available at this time and orders are out through the end of the year. The Sheriff's Office has requested that a Dodge Charger without the police package be ordered to be used by the tether office, a cage will need to be added. After discussion, it was noted that Administration will release a RFQ for a Dodge Charger non police package and to approve the added cage after purchase.

- **Cost Allocation Plan – Bid Summary**

The Committee reviewed the bid summary for the County Cost Allocation Plan; two bids were received, with both meeting bid specifications to complete the Cost Allocation Plan for FY21, FY22, and FY23; Maximus is the current contract holder.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to approve the low bid from Maximus Consulting Service, Inc. to complete the Cost Allocation Plan for FY21, FY22 and FY23 at \$5,000 per year. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Finance – Claims and Accounts

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to recommend the approval of February County bills and payroll as follows: general claims \$219,738.33 other fund claims \$1,112,508.91, payroll \$673,114.40, Health Department claims \$265,635.34 and payroll of \$197,337.22 total claims of \$2,468,334.20. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Closed Session – Finance Meeting

- A) County's attorney trial and/or settlement strategy, *Kozal v Chippewa County, Case No. 2:221-ev-00031-PLM-MV*, pursuant 15.268(e)
- B) Collective Bargaining Negotiations/ratification, pursuant to 15.268 (c)

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to enter into closed session to discuss with the County's attorney mediation and/or settlement strategy in the pending lawsuit of *Kozal v. Chippewa County, Case No. 2:21-ev-00031-PLM-MV*, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e) as a discussion on the open record would be detrimental to our position, and also to discuss material exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, MCL 15.243 (1)(g) and MCL 15.268 (h) and to discuss collective bargaining negotiations, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c).

Roll call vote 5-0.

It was moved b Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Baron, to exit closed session wherein we discussed with the County's attorney mediation and/or settlement strategy in the pending lawsuit of *Kozal v. Chippewa County, Case No. 2:21-ev-00031-PLM-MV*, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e) as a discussion on the open record would be detrimental to our position, and also to discuss material

exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, MCL 15.243 (1)(g) and MCL 15.268 (h) and to discuss collective bargaining negotiations, pursuant to MCL 15.268 (c)

Roll call vote 5-0. Return to open session.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to accept the advice of counsel regarding settlement discussion of the case of Kozal v Chippewa County, No. 2:21-ev-00031-PLM-MV, within the certain parameters discussed during the closed session as part of the County's mediation and/or settlement strategy. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize the collective bargaining agreement between Chippewa County and General Teamsters Local Union No. 406 County Health Department Unit as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to accept the March 15, 2022 Finance Claims and Accounts minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND GENERAL COMMENTS

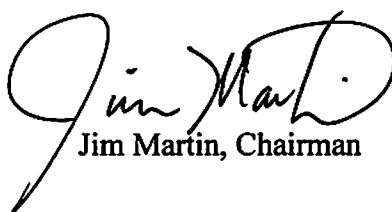
Among some of the comments were as follows:

- **Commissioner Baron** addressed his concerns with the citizens on the islands, referencing Neebish Island as the ferry was shut down due to ice buildup on the docks. He explained this recent closure had nothing to do with ice in the channel.
- **Commissioner Savoie** referenced Ms. Post-Byron's statements during public comments and stated he is compassionate with her statements and believes this is a very serious issue. Our hearts go out to you; you have my support.
- **Commissioner Shackleton** referenced a former State Representative and a good friend who has a son who was in a terrible accident and will never live independently and communicated that this reform that was passed is shameful.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk


Jim Martin, Chairman