

# FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2021

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners' Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee was held on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at the Chippewa County Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Shackleton called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via Zoom.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Erik Baron and Ted Postula

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Robert Savoie

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karen Senkus (via Zoom), Brian Bartlett (via Zoom), Jim German, Dennis McShane, Toni Phillips, Joe Nolan, Bridgette (via Zoom), and Kelly Church.

## **Approval of the Agenda**

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

## **Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

## **Correspondence and Informational Items**

The Committee reviewed the Investment report, VISA billing, the Health Department's Healthcare First summary and travel request.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Circuit Court Drug Court – Purchase and Sales Agreement with Premier Biotech, Inc.**

The Committee reviewed a purchase and sales agreement made between Chippewa County Drug Court and Premier Biotech, Inc.; Biotech, Inc. will be replacing Redwood Toxicology for comprehensive testing and panels required for Drug Court Testing.

**It was moved by Commissioner Postula, supported by Commission Martin, to approve and authorize the Purchase and Sales Agreement with Premier Biotech, Inc. and Chippewa County (Circuit) Drug Court, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

### **Friend of the Court – Consulting Services Agreement MGT of America Consulting, LLC**

The Committee reviewed the consulting services agreement between Chippewa County Friend of the Court and MGT of America Consulting, LLC., who provides the Title IV-D claiming services. The Committee was informed of the contract pricing increasing to \$5,200; which is the first pricing increase since 2010; when the price was \$3,200.

**It was moved by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Postula, to approve and authorize the Consulting Services Agreement by and between Chippewa County, Michigan, Friend of the Court and MGT of America Consulting, LLC, as presented, costing \$5,200.00 annually. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

### **Public Defender – MIDC 2022 Proposed Budget and Standards Analysis**

The Committee was given a brief update on the Public Defender's Office and the upcoming deadlines for the

2022 budget and the plan for compliance with the MIDC's standards. The Committee was asked to authorize the release of the Public Defenders 2022 Budget, upon review of Administrator, to meet the April 27<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**It was moved by Commissioner Baron, supported by Commissioner Postula, to authorize the release of the 2022 Public Defender's proposed budget and plan for compliance with MIDC's standards upon Administration review. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Animal Shelter – North Superior Property Services – re-do up front flooring & waive County policy**

The Committee received and reviewed information from the Animal Shelter requesting to have the up-front flooring re-done with a concrete based flooring system that is stain/chemical resistant, anti-microbial and abrasion resistant; 1125 square feet of flooring includes the main vestibule, office, breakroom, bathroom, laundry room cat room, mid and back hallways.

**It was moved by Commissioner Baron, supported by Commissioner Martin, to accept and authorize the estimate from North Superior Property Services to prep and install a new flooring system, at a cost not to exceed \$13,500 and to waive the County's purchasing policy. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Administration – Chippewa County Road Commission Proposed Millage Language**

The Committee reviewed the Millage Renewal as presented for the August 2021 election.

**It was moved by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Baron, to approve the Road Maintenance and Repair Proposition Millage Renewal for the August 2021 election as follows:**

**ROAD MAINTNENCE AND REPAIR PROPOSITION  
MILLAGE RENEWAL  
AUGUST 2021**

(This proposal will permit the County to continue the millage previously approved by the electors in 2016)

Shall the previous voted increase in the 15 mill limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes with CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN of 1.000 mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) which was reduced to .9879 mill by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at .9879 mill (\$0.9879 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for 5 years, beginning 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for Repair and Maintenance of Roads with Chippewa County and streets with the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Village of DeTour, and shall the County levy such renewed millage for said purpose? The estimate of revenue the County will collect if this millage is approved and levied in 2022, is \$1,300,000 of which a portion will be disbursed to the City of Sault Ste. Marie Downtown Development Authority pursuant to statute.

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

**On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Administration – Senior Services and Programs Millage Proposal**

The Committee reviewed the new millage proposal for Senior Services and Programs for Chippewa County, with a update provided by CLMCAA's Dennis McShane.

**It was moved by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Baron, to approve the Senior Services and Programs Millage Proposal for the August 3, 2021 election as follows:**

**SENIOR SERVICES and PROGRAMS  
MILLAGE PROPOSAL**

**(This proposal, if approved by the voters, will permit the COUNTY to fund COMMUNITY ACTION SENIOR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS within COUNTY)**

**Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on general ad valorem taxes within CHIPPEWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN be increased by .75 mill (\$0.75 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four years, being 2021, 2022, 2023, AND 2024, inclusive for the purpose of providing operating funds to continue and enhance Chippewa County Community Action Agency's Meals Programs and Chippewa County Community Action Agency's Senior Services in Chippewa County, thereby raising in the first year (2021) an estimated \$910,000?**

YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

**On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

Note: Corrected language for ballot question 4-12-2021

**Administration – Abilita – Telecom Retainer**

The Committee was asked to update an expiring contract with a telecom retainer for services with Abilita. Abilita had a 36 month contact that saved the County and CCHD approximately \$106,000; and Administration wishes to continue to utilize their expertise.

**It was moved by Commissioner Baron, supported by Commissioner Postula, to approve and authorize the Telecom Retainer with Abilita showing a net shared savings of \$385 per month. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

Note: The County will sign a 24-month contracts at \$1,000 per month (\$650/month for the County and \$350/month for the Health Department); and Abilita will waive their future cost sharing of \$14,750. (\$24,000 - \$14,750 = \$9,250/24 months = \$385)

**Administration – Chippewa County Road Commission – Applications of Interest**

The committee reviewed the names that were submitted timely for consideration for the opening at the Road Commission.

**It was moved by Commissioner Baron, supported by Commissioner Martin, to accept the following names for the Road Commission board opening:**

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| • David P. Deatruck | • Jesse Knoll   |
| • Gary Graham       | • Chuck Moser   |
| • Bill Hopper       | • Tom Sibbald   |
| • Nicholas Huyck    | • James Traynor |

**On a voice vote the motion CARRIED.**

**Finance - Claims and Accounts**

**It was moved by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Baron, to recommend the approval of March County bills and payroll: general claims \$425,323.27 other fund claims \$734,045.81, payroll \$573,357.34, and Health Department claims \$259,223.04 and payroll \$180,388.49 total claims \$2,172,337.95. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Committee Comments**

Commissioner Martin asked that the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting time be changed to 5:30 p.m.; the Committee agreed

and the postings will be updated.

**Chairman Comments**

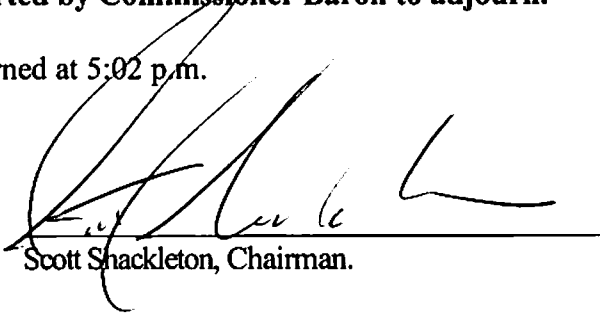
Commissioner Shackleton gave an update on War Memorial Hospital and the process that Board has been going through over the past several years; in determining if WMH should remain independent or if they should go into an affiliation with a larger system and then determining which affiliation would match the goals of providing services, while maintaining non-profit status and providing additional services and opening doors thru a larger health care system to benefit the community. The WMH Board has narrowed down the choices between McLaren and Mid-Michigan Health (U of M Health). Commissioner Shackleton clarified that the relationship with McLaren (Petoskey) will not change, as transfers for advanced care would still be utilized, as well as, other services that are not available locally.

**Adjourn**

**It was moved by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Baron to adjourn.**

Chairman Shackleton declared the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

  
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Kelly J. Church, Recorder

  
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Scott Shackleton, Chairman.