

# FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2021

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners' Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee was held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the Chippewa County Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Savoie called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via Zoom.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Don McLean, Tim Moher, Bridgette Moher, Jesse Knoll, Ward Pulfrey, Mark Eitrem, Ann M. Eitrem, Tom Moher, Nancy Moher, Tony Crisp, Karen Senkus, Lana Steinhaus, Rudy Johnson, Bill Munsell, Tony McClain, and Kelly Church (all in person). Via Zoom Mike Rivenburgh, Shirley Farnquist, David, Marla Bunker, Suzanne Lieurance, Taylor Worsham, Stephanie Pins.

## Approval of the Agenda

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

## Public Comment

Mark Eitrem and Tim Moher, spoke regarding the War Memorial Hospital – MidMichigan Health merger, in association with the Board of Commissioners conflict of interest and their lack of ability to consent with the merger, based on the  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote needed per the law.

## Correspondence and Informational Items

The Committee reviewed the Treasurer's Investment reports, the VISA billing, travel requests, the Health Department's Healthcare First summary and the Quarterly DTRF & RHFV statements. No action is necessary.

## AGENDA ITEMS

### Health Department Programming Updates

- Home Health update
- Home Care/Private Duty update
- Hospice update

The Committee received and reviewed the programming data for the Health Department's Home Health, Home Care/Private Duty and Hospice programs. Each program's services were discussed, including the care provided by each program: cost coverages, statistics and Performance Improvement Projects (PIP) identified from the recent CHAP accreditation. The QAPI Coordinator position has been filled to ensure chart reviews and training is completed. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported to Commissioner Baron, to acknowledge oversight and the programming updates for Home Health, Home Care/Private Duty and Hospice services provided by the CCHD have been reviewed. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

### Surveyor – Grant No. BCC 22-17 - \$122,892.00 Grant County contributions \$15,000.00

The committee reviewed Grant No. BCC 22-17 between the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Chippewa County; and the 2022 Grant Application to be submitted to the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation. The grant is from 1-1-2022 to 12-31-2022, in the amount of \$107,892.00 with Chippewa County contributing \$15,000 for a total FY2022 project amount of \$122,892.00.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Baron, to approve and authorize signatures for Grant No. BCC 21-17 between the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Chippewa County; and the 2022 Grant Application to be submitted to the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation in the amount of \$107,892.00 with Chippewa County contributing \$15,000.00 for County Remonumentation. 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 October County bills and payroll: general claims \$240,909.69 other fund claims \$2,707,003.69, payroll \$584,120.26, and Health Department claims \$310,951.39 and payroll \$212,320.99 total claims \$4,055,306.02. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Committee Comments**

Commissioner Baron spoke regarding the WMH issue and how he is taking it seriously, and that this is not a joke, as he received a call from a WMH employee indicating the County was a joke. Mr. Baron would like the issued cleaned up for the best interest of the County.

Commissioner Shackleton gave brief review of WMH going to a 501c3, some 30 years ago, that WMH employs 800 people and provides excellent services, indicated that the lease allows there to be a County Board member on the WMH Board to keep the County informed. The offices are not incompatible as one is public and the other is private. Commissioner Shackleton further indicated that focus should be about the future of health care, and getting services brought here. He hopes that the County will always have someone on the WMH Board.

Commissioner Postula was in agreement with Commissioner Shackleton's comments, and he indicated that he has been in public service since 1975 and this is one of best opportunities he has been involved with.

**Chairman Comments**

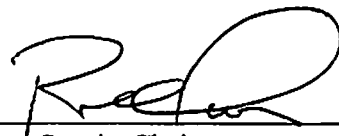
Chairman Savoie also indicated that he is taking the WMH issue seriously and he wants to make sure that the County's interest are preserved. He expressed his support of the MidMichigan health affiliation. He addressed the legal opinion regarding compatibility of the positions and summarized the issue regarding the conflict-of-interest vote that is currently tying the hands of the Board of Commissioners to vote. The Board per MCL needs ¾ or 4 votes to approve anything when a conflict exists.

**Adjourn**

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

  
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Kelly J. Church, Recorder

  
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Robert Savoie, Chairman.