

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session

July 17, 2025

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met at a regular session on Thursday, July 17, 2025, in the 91st District Courtroom.

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via zoom. Commissioner Traynor lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Damon Lieurance, Scott Shackleton, James Traynor and Chairman Jim Martin

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Justin Knepper

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator Kelly Church, Clerk Steven Woodgate, Administrative Assistant Cady Bauers, and 9 members of the public. 6 members of the public logged in via zoom.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

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

- Corrected Regular Meeting – May 15, 2025
- Regular Meeting – June 12, 2025
- Public Hearing Truth & Taxation – June 12, 2025

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 recognize the correspondence received in Clerk's Office to forward as appropriate. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Lori Miller spoke about the EUPTA Board not having an advisory committee.

Phylis Reed mentioned her concerns with the EUPTA Board.

Natasha Halonen, Chippewa County Mental Health Coordinator, welcomed the Board to come to a Mental Health Court hearing.

Matt Keller, President of Neebish Island Homeowner's Association, spoke about issues concerning the EUPTA Board and Neebish Island Ferry schedule.

Sara Karasinski mentioned her issues with the EUPTA Board and Commissioner Martin's comments regarding the ferry costs at the EUPTA Board meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2025-12**

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Traynor and supported by Commissioner Lieurance.

**Chippewa County  
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12  
U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2026 Annual Implementation Plan  
For Services to the Elderly**

At a meeting of the County Board of the County of Chippewa (the "County"), Chippewa County, Michigan, held on July 17, 2025, located at Sault Ste. Marie, MI at 4:30 P.M.

WHEREAS, UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is responsible for developing the 2026 Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2026, which outlines the funding, coordination, and delivery of services to older adults throughout the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with state and federal requirements, the planning process for the Annual Implementation Plan included one public hearing and the solicitation of input from service providers, older adults, county officials, human service agencies, and other community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, each of the 15 counties in the Upper Peninsula is represented by a designated county official serving on the UPCAP Board of Commissioners, ensuring that local perspectives and needs are considered in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors has unanimously reviewed and approved the proposed 2026 Annual Implementation Plan as a continuation of the FY2023–2026 Multi-Year Area Plan for services to the elderly; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners acknowledges receipt of and hereby supports the U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2026 Annual Implementation Plan for Services to the Elderly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file for record-keeping and compliance purposes.

**RESOLUTION 2025-12 – Resolution of Support U.P. Area Agency on Aging 2026 Annual Implementation Plan For Services to the Elderly**

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Lieurance, Shackleton, Traynor, and Chairman Martin  
NAYES: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner Knepper

**RESOLUTION 2025-12 DECLARED ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2025-13**

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Traynor and supported by Commissioner Lieurance.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT**

**FOR THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY SPORTSMEN OFF ROAD VEHICLE ASSOCIATION  
CURRENT AND ANY FUTURE ADDED TRAILS IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY.**

**WHEREAS**, Chippewa County desires to promote outdoor recreation in Michigan's Upper Peninsula;

**WHEREAS** Chippewa County is interested in promoting economic development through tourism activity;

**WHEREAS** Chippewa County desires to promote responsible off-road vehicle recreation;

**WHEREAS** Chippewa County is interested in offering increased recreational opportunities for off road vehicle riders in the Eastern Upper Peninsula;

**WHEREAS** Chippewa County desires to make Chippewa County and its townships a prominent destination for off road vehicle riders;

**WHEREAS**, these routes include the ORV Routes and Snowmobile Trails as listed at Michigan Department of Natural Resources ([gis-midnr.open data.arcgis.com](https://gis-midnr.open.data.arcgis.com)) Michigan Designated ORV Routes & Trails and Michigan Designated Snowmobile Trails in Chippewa County (see current attached maps);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Chippewa County supports the Chippewa County Sportsmen Off Road Vehicle Association's to have the Michigan Department of Natural Resources designate all current and any future trails as official DNR sponsored and maintained trails for off road vehicles.

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Lieurance, Shackleton, Traynor, and Chairman Martin

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Knepper

**RESOLUTION 2025-13 DECLARED ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2025-14**

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Knepper and supported by Commissioner Traynor.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14**

**County Resolution Opposing the Proposed Competitive Procurement of Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs)**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan currently operates a publicly managed and community-based system for the delivery of specialty behavioral health services through 10 Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), which are responsible for managing Medicaid mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services; and

**WHEREAS**, the current PIHP system has consistently demonstrated value, local accountability, and community engagement, while successfully managing costs and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has announced plans to initiate a competitive procurement process for the management of PIHP functions, which may allow private, nonprofit health plans or managed care organizations (MCOs) to assume control over behavioral health services; and

**WHEREAS**, such a shift toward privatization could disrupt longstanding relationships between local Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs), providers, and the communities they serve, and threaten the person-centered, recovery-oriented approach cultivated under the public system; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous stakeholders—including individuals receiving services, advocates, providers, and local officials—have expressed significant concerns about how competitive procurement could impact care quality, access, local control, and transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, counties across Michigan have historically played a critical role in the governance, oversight, and financial support of the public behavioral health system, and

changes to this structure without meaningful county involvement erode the principles of local governance and accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining a publicly accountable and locally governed behavioral health system is essential to ensuring timely, appropriate, and high-quality care for individuals with mental health and substance use disorder needs;

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board urges Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and the Michigan Legislature to immediately halt any efforts toward privatization and instead work in close collaboration with counties, PIHPs, CMHSPs, service recipients, and other stakeholders to improve and strengthen the existing public behavioral health system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that should a procurement process move forward, only public organizations with demonstrated experience managing Michigan's public behavioral health system should be eligible to participate in any bidding process; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel, member of the Michigan Legislature representing Chippewa County, and the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Lieurance, Shackleton, Traynor, and Chairman Martin

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Knepper

**RESOLUTION 2025-14 DECLARED ADOPTED**

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**Meeting Minutes**

**June 26, 2025**

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Building and Grounds**

#### **Circuit and Probate Courtroom Air Conditioning Bid Review**

The Committee reviewed the two bids that were received through the bidding process prepared by U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc., via the authorized professional services agreement between U.P. Engineers & Architects and Chippewa County. Based on UPEA's recommendation after the review of

the two bids, the apparent low bidder was Albert Heating & Cooling, Inc., with a bid price of \$57,406.00 to install air conditioning units in both the Circuit and Probate Courtrooms.

**It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the low bid of \$57,406.00 from Albert Heating & Cooling, Inc., to install air conditioning units in the Circuit and Probate Courtrooms from the bid specifications provided by U.P. Engineering & Architects, Inc. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

#### **SHACC Update on Project**

The Committee was updated on the current SHACC painting and flooring project, which has needed mold remediation, priming and painting seventeen door frames at a cost totaling \$2,975.00; the door frames were inadvertently missed in the original request and \$2,245.00 for drywall repairs that were not accounted for during the site visit. No motion was necessary, as this was handled Administratively.

#### **Courthouse Windows – Continue Replacement of Garden Level Windows**

Two windows were replaced before getting pricing and a template to continue the project; the Committee members stepped outside to look at the replaced windows. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the color, style, window type, maintenance, painting and maintaining historical integrity. Commissioner Knepper wants time to research the project. No action was taken.

Note: Building and Grounds Staff have reached out to Gary Beaumont (Beaumont Construction), the window installer about wrapping the windows.

#### **Cancel Johnson Controls quote**

The Committee was asked to cancel a wiring clean-up quote proposal #: CPQ-906977 from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$4,959.21, previously approved on April 17, 2025, for the Correctional Facility (Jail); as the work has been deemed not necessary.

**It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to cancel the Johnson Controls proposal #: CPQ-906977 in the amount of \$4,959.21, previously approved on April 17, 2025. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

#### **Information Systems**

##### **Mobile CAD Grant Application**

##### **First Responder Agreement Pricing**

The Committee also reviewed a Mobile CAD Grant application seeking 2% Funding from the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians to bring mobile CAD (Computer Aided Design) to the area. All agencies will be asked to opt in or out with a written response due by July 31, 2025. Information Systems also provided 2026 pricing notices for any first responder agreements, hourly cost of \$25.00; Talon Software \$170.00 per user, Succuss Access \$120.00 per device, Intrusion Protection \$100.00 per device and MFA \$75.00 per user.

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to acknowledge both the 2% grant application for the mobile CAD software and the pricing notice for FY2026, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

**Multi-State Information Sharing Analysis Center Membership \$1,995.00**

The Committee reviewed information from Information Technology Specialist Anthony Zakic regarding the MS-ISAC changing from a free service to the fee-based membership. This membership is required because we have received grants from the State of Michigan, as well as Federal government grants in the first responder and technology fields. There are savings to the County by signing up before September 1, 2025, the County will get 18 months at \$1,995.00 with the Cooperative agreement, if the cooperative agreement is not renewed then the cost would be \$3,495.00. The State of Michigan may cover these costs for the local entities, but that is still being determined.

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize the Multi-State Information Sharing Analysis Center membership, so that that County receives the 18 months, at the cost of \$1,995.00 with the cooperative agreement or \$3,495.00 per year without the cooperative agreement. Noting that the funds may be covered by the State of Michigan for the local entities. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

**Policy No. 509 Physical Access and Security (new) Courthouse and County Building**

The Committee reviewed Policy No. 509 Physical Access and Security, a new policy to define the issuance and use of both traditional keys and digital access cards.

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize Policy No. 509 Physical Access and Security, after spelling correction is made. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

**Committee and Chairman's Comments**

The Committee spoke about the upcoming city foreclosures and difficulties finding grass cutting services for those properties, as the City notified County Treasurer about the ordinance violation.

**Adjourn**

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, the motion was CARRIED.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, that the minutes from Building Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and Information Technology Committee Meeting be accepted by the full Board. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Health Department – Boulton Fund Authorize Funds to be Used for Veteran's Private and Personal Care Needs**

The Committee reviewed the Health Department's request to redirect unitrust funds from a 1995 donation to be used for Veterans within Chippewa County in need of services that include private duty services and/or personal care services, which after consulting with both legal counsel and agency auditors this arrangement would be in line with the original intent of the donor.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the Jean C. Boulton Fund to redirect the donated funds to Chippewa County veterans in need of private duty services and/or personal care services. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

### **Health Department – Establish Fund for Book Donation Account**

The Committee reviewed the request from Health Officer Karen Senkus to establish a special fund to collect donations towards books for children, within the WIC program (ages 0-5) with the goal of two books per year. Commissioner Knepper questions of the types of books and discussion followed with the Committee wanting assurance that the books are quality and age appropriate.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize a special fund to collect donations for books for children with the WIC program. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

### **Health Department – Policies**

**Policy #1.99.017 AI (Artificial Intelligence) Policy (new) appropriate use by staff**

**Policy #1.08.003 To update and remove home health and hospice information**

**Policy #6.01.001 To update and consolidate HIPAA policy**

The Committee reviewed the three policies from Health Officer Karen Senkus new policy#1.99.017 AI (Artificial Intelligence) is a new policy that other health department are putting in place, so staff understand the need to get approval before using AI to develop documents, taking meeting minutes, etc., existing policies#1.08.003 and #6.01.001 both need to be cleaned up to remove the home health and hospices references and to consolidate the HIPAA policy into one comprehensive policy.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize new policy #1.99.017 AI (Artificial Intelligence) and update policy #1.08.003 Confidential Storage and Release of Clinic Records and policy #6.01.001 HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act), as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

### **Office of Emergency Services**

**FY24-25 Hazard Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP) Planning Program Grant Agreement and Documentation - \$6,480**

**FY2026 Emergency Management Performance Grant – Initial Work Agreement – authorize acceptance and signature**

The Committee reviewed the request to approve and authorize the documents and materials for the FY2024-2025 HMEP Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant which includes the grant agreement, subrecipient risk assessment certification, HMEP Planning Grant Agreement In-Kind Match form, certifications regarding lobbying, standard assurances, audit certification (EMD-053), request for taxpayer ID and FY23-24 SARA Title III Hazardous Materials, Office Site Emergency Response Plan list. The Committee then reviewed the FY2026 Emergency Management Performance Grant – Initial Work Agreement indicating the work and requirements of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) requiring a signature from the Board of Commissioners Chairman Jim Martin. The EMPG covers a portion of wages and fringes for Director Postma.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and except the FY2024-2025 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP), in the amount of \$6,480 and to authorize the necessary documents and to approve and authorize the BOC Chairman's signature on the FY2026 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), as presented for the Initial Work Agreement. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Sheriff's Office – Bid Summary – Dodge Durango Pursuit SUV, AWD**

The Committee reviewed the bid summary for the one (1) Dodge Durango Police/Pursuit package SUV, AWD; one timely bid was received from O'Connor's Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in the amount of \$45,790.00.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the bid from O'Connor's Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram to purchase one (1) Dodge Durango, Police/Pursuit package SUV, at the price of \$45,790.00 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Sheriff's Office – Canteen Services, Inc. Amendment Two**

The Committee reviewed Sheriff Bitnar's request to approve Amendment Two from Canteen Services, Inc., which will go into effect upon signature and reflect an approximate 4% increase for inmate meals which are at a per meal costs. The term of this Agreement remains in force through March 8, 2026.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the Canteen Services, Inc. Amendment Two, increasing the per meal cost and authorize the first allowable one-year renewal per the Agreement with Canteen Services, Inc., and the Sheriff's Office. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Sheriff's Office – Great Lakes Services Inc (2) Two Insinkerator Commercial Garbage Disposals - \$11,796.00**

The Committee reviewed a request from the Sheriff's Office to replace two (2) Insinkerator SS-300 3 HP Commercial Garbage Disposals in the Correctional Facility kitchen the quote from Great Lakes Services, Inc., at a of \$11,796.00, which includes purchase, labor, wiring, shipping and mileage.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the purchase and installation for two (2) replacement Insinkerator Commercial Garbage Disposals for the Correctional Facility's kitchen; at the price of \$11,796.00 quoted from Great Lakes Services Inc. and as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Sheriff's Office – Memorandum of Understanding – Corrections Unit Representation Change**

The Committee review a memorandum of Understanding between Chippewa County and the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) who now represents the Corrections Unit, following a vote of the unit to change their representation from the Michigan Fraternal Order of Police to the POLC.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize signature for the Memorandum of Understanding between Chippewa County and Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Representing the Corrections Unit for the remainder of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Chippewa County and the MFOP, contract expires December 31, 2025. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Administration – MEDC-CDBG Annual Reporting – Program Income \$28,396.47**

The Committee reviewed the annual Program Income Certification for the CDBG-MEDC Form 8-H; during the period 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025 – the County received \$28,396.47 in early payoffs from prior Community Home Improvement Loans. Since the funds are below \$35,000, these funds can be transferred back to the General Fund, if over \$35,000 the funds are returned to the MEDC.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to acknowledge, and accepted the Program Income Certification having received \$28,396.47 during the period from 7/1/2024 to 6/30/2025; noting the monies would be transferred to the General Fund and acknowledging the Single Audit Certification, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Administration – Release Multifunction Copier Machines RFQ**

The Committee reviewed a request for quotations for two multifunction copier/scanner/printer/fax machines for FY2025, following the replacement chart for MSU Co-op Extension and Administration.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to release the request for quotation for two multifunction copier machines, following the replacement schedule. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Finance**

## **Claims and Accounts – June – County and Health Department**

### **Approve Beginning Fund Balance to Audit**

#### **Budget Amendments**

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to recommend the approval of June County bills and payroll: general claims \$528,331.58, other fund claims \$1,416,482.44, payroll \$627,214.78 and Health Department claims \$184,071.62 and payroll \$147,422.43 total claims \$2,572,028.80; to approve the beginning fund balance from the FYE Audit 12/31/2024, to approve the budget amendments, as presented and to acknowledge the monthly financial reports received by email. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

7/17/2025		Chippewa County				
		Budget Amendments				
General Fund - Revenue			Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change	Description
101-000-439.000	Marijuana Tax	Revenue	300,000.00	349,371.96	49,371.96	Increased Revenue
101-000-676.301	Sheriff's Office	Sheriff Services	32,000.00	50,000.00	20,000.00	Public Safety Academy Stipend
101-000-676.331	Sheriff's Office Marine	Revenue	0.00	5,840.00	5,840.00	Grant Award
101-000-676.353	Rural Jail Mental Health	Reimbursement	0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	Rural Mental Health Grant
101-000-676.648	Medical Examiner	Reimbursements	0.00	5,000.00	2,450.00	Reimbursement for Cremation Investigation
Special Funds - Revenue						
217-000-543.000	Stonegarden	Reimbursement/Revenue	135,000.00	205,000.00	70,000.00	Additional Reimbursement/Revenue
237-000-684.000	First Responders Grant	Revenue	0.00	3,388.00	3,388.00	Additional Revenue
General Fund - Expenditures						
101-215-979.000	Clerk's Office	Equipment	1,630.00	3,482.00	\$ 1,852.00	New Electronic Seal Embosser
101-253-815.000	Treasurer	Bank Fees	2,000.00	50,992.31	\$ 48,992.31	Washed Check
101-257-860.000	Equalization	Travel	2,500.00	8,100.00	\$ 5,600.00	Travel for MAAO classes - BOC approved 2024
101-265-801.000	Building & Grounds	Professional Services	0.00	30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	Janitorial Services
101-301-704.000	Sheriff's Office	Salaries	830,623.37	835,488.37	\$ 4,865.00	Public Safety Academy Stipend - Cadet Spons
101-301-801.000	Sheriff's Office	Professional Services	29,000.00	34,250.00	\$ 5,250.00	Snow Removal Sheriff's Storage/Training Facilit
101-301-920.000	Sheriff's Office	Utilities	0.00	10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	Utilities for Sheriff's Storage/Training Facility
101-301-957.000	Sheriff's Office	Education/Training	7,000.00	22,135.00	\$ 15,135.00	Public Safety Academy Stipend - Cadet Spons
101-331-979.000	Marine	Equipment	0.00	5,840.00	\$ 5,840.00	Equipment purchased from Grant
101-351-740.000	Jail	Laundry	0.00	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Not Originally Budgeted
101-353-801.000	Rural Jail Mental Health	Professional Services	0.00	5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Rural Mental Health Grant
Special Funds - Expenditures						
217-000-979.000	Stonegarden	Vehicle	55,500.00	125,500.00	\$ 70,000.00	2024 Silverado BOC approved 4-15-2025
237-000-860.000	First Responders Grant	Travel	0.00	3,388.00	\$ 3,388.00	Travel covered by Grant
280-000-860.000	Animal Control Millage	Travel	0.00	3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	Training
280-000-979.000	Animal Control Millage	Machinery & Equipment	5,000.00	50,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	Kennels and Med Room Equipment

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, for the meeting minutes of Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee of July 15, 2025 be approved by the Board. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

## **COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND GENERAL COMMENTS**

Commissioner Lieurance said he attended an UPCAP meeting and said UPCAP does not believe the funding cuts will impact their services. Commissioner Traynor said he visited all of the islands with Representative Fairbairn and the Drummond Island Quarry is looking for workers. Chairman Martin said he is hoping the money regarding the Neebish Island Ferry will be coming from the State soon. Chairman Martin also said in regard to his comments from the EUPTA Board meeting concerning the ferry costs is he got his information from the Coast Guard on the percentage of how much the people going across each island would pay toward the costs to run

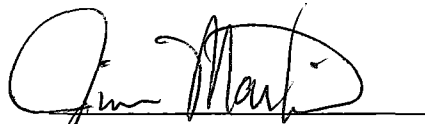
the ferry for that island. Commissioner Lieurance encouraged EUPTA to form a committee to see how much it would cost to extend the Neebish Island Ferry service and come up with a solution. Chairman Martin stated there is limited money and the County is in a good fiscal place, as is EUPTA, but since COVID, the County did nothing but move wages and benefits up, and there will be a day of reckoning sometime in the future.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to adjourn, accordingly. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The Board adjourned at 5:25 P.M.



Steven Woodgate, Clerk

  
James Martin, Chairman