

Personnel/Equalization and Apportionment/Transportation/Health and Social Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 19th, 2015

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners Personnel/Equalization and Apportionment/Transportation/Health and Social Services Committee was held on Tuesday, May 19th, 2015 at the Chippewa County Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Egan called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Conor Egan, Scott Shackleton and Rudy Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim German County Administrator, Margie Hank, Don McLean, Chuck Leonhardt, Phil Wolf and Kelly Church

Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

None

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the Agenda as presented. On a voice vote the motion CARRIED.

Public Comment

None

Agenda Items

Commissioner Mileage Taxation

The Committee met to discuss the topic of Commissioners mileage reimbursement and whether it is taxable or not, as is the current practice of the County; utilizing the commuting guidelines offered through the IRS and the mileage reimbursement from the Audit Manual for Local Units of Government of Michigan which are taxable. The Committee brought forward information about how other Counties mileage reimbursement and believes that Chippewa County is not handling the mileage payments correctly. The IRS Code makes the Commissioners an employee of the County, and publication 463 refers to the payment guidelines. Discussion ensued covering many topics: including where the Commissioner's office is, business criteria of a County Commissioner, the statutes and laws. Discussed included the conservative approach being used to continue limiting County exposure. The Committee was told they can choose to do what they want, but by changing it – it would increase the County's exposure, which is why eight years ago when the prior Board was presented with all the information, it was decided to pay in-County travel as a taxable reimbursement. How Commissioners might use their own taxes to set up reimbursements without liability to the County and penalties to the County if we did not file the proper paperwork. Compensation Policies will be sought from Delta and Kent County for review. No action was taken.


Committee Comments

None

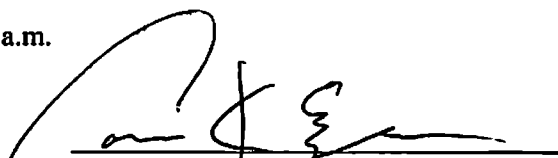
Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, the motion was CARRIED.

Chairperson Egan declared the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.



Jim German, Administrator



Conor Egan, Chairperson