

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
November 12, 2020

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. in the 50th Circuit Courtroom.

Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via Zoom. Commissioner Shackleton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Robert Savoie, and Chairman Jim Martin, with Commissioner Don McLean, and Scott Shackleton Present via Zoom.

ABSENT: Commissioner Conor Egan.

ALSO, PRESENT: Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk. *Present via Zoom:* Elliot Karl Nelson (LSSU), EUP Regional Planning, Karen Senkus, Lana Steinhaus, Melissa, Suzanne Lieurance, Taylor Worsham and Tim Hall

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to accept the agenda as presented except for moving 9d, under New Business, to the first order of business as that is what is authorizing and enabling zoom meetings to continue, and 9a will become 9d as follows:

- 9a) Resolution 2020-18 Authorize the continuation of the Declaration of the State of Emergency for the County of Chippewa
- 9d) Board Committee /Agency/Authority vacancies applicants

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the following as presented:

- Regular Board – October 15, 2020
- Special Board – November 5, 2020

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Jim German - provided for informational purposes only - *no action items*.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Resolution 2020-18 Authorize the Continuation of the Declaration of the State of Emergency for the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to adopt Resolution 2020-18 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-18

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUATION OF THE
DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE
COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA**

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the County of Chippewa, as a result of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic, the State of Emergency declared by the Governor, and a National State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States, the following conditions continue to exist: and

WHEREAS, any widespread outbreak within the County of Chippewa could hinder and/or cease most daily operations within the entire County and overwhelm, Emergency Medical Services, Hospitals and Urgent Cares; because of monitoring requirements that is placed on the local health department personnel, additional staff and resources may be needed if the current status of health concerns continue to deteriorate and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, hereby declare a "state of emergency" continues to exist within our jurisdiction as of November 12, 2020, and that local resources and funding are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. The County EOC will continue to be partially activated along with the county emergency operations plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Declaration submitted on November 12, 2020 and will expire on December 31, 2021, or until such time as the Board acts to cease the state of emergency

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Don McLean, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton, and Chairman Jim Martin.

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

(B) Resolution 2020-16 To Ratify and Confirm Actions Approved by the Board of Commissioners During Remote Meetings.

It was moved by commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie to adopt Resolution 2020-16 as follows:

RESOLUTION TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM ACTIONS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DURING REMOTE MEETINGS

RESOLUTION #2020-16

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Governor declared a State of Emergency by Executive Order 2020-4 on March 10, 2020 and extended the State of Emergency by subsequent Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the State of Emergency, on March 18, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-15 which authorized remote participation in public meetings and specifically allowed public bodies to hold meetings electronically, either by telephonic or video conferencing; and

WHEREAS subsequent Executive Orders extended the authorization to hold remote meetings and ultimately, on July 17, 2020, through Executive Order 2020-154, extended the authority to hold remote meetings through the remainder of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in reliance on the Executive Orders authorizing remote meetings, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, has conducted all meetings electronically since April 14, 2020.

WHEREAS, on October 2, the Michigan Supreme Court issued an opinion in which a majority of the Justices agreed that Executive Orders issued after April 30, 2020 are invalid as the law under which they were issued allowed an unconstitutional delegation of authority to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, in response to the October 2, 2020 Michigan Supreme Court Opinion, 2020 Public Act 228 was adopted by the state legislature and signed by the Governor. This Act is effective immediately and retroactively, and modifies the Open Meetings Act authorizing remote meetings through the December 31, 2020 for any circumstance and through December 31, 2021 for certain qualifying reasons.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in light of the October 2, 2020 Michigan Supreme Court Opinion and 2020 Public Act 228 amending the Open Meetings Act, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners affirms and ratifies all actions approved by the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners at the following meetings:

- April 14, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- May 7, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- June 4, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- July 9, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- August 6, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- September 3, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts

- October 8, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- November 5, 2020 – Finance, Claims and Accounts
- September 10, 2020 – Personnel, Equalization, Transportation, Health and Social Services Committee
- April 17, 2020 – Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- May 14, 2020 - Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- June 11, 2020 - Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- July 16, 2020 - Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- August 13, 2020 – Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- September 10, 2020 - Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- October 15, 2020 - Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- November 12, 2020 – Board of Commissioners Regular Session
- July 21, 2020 – Board of Commissioners Special Meetings
- June 11, 2020 – Public Hearing Truth in Taxation
- September 10, 2020 – Public Hearing – Upper Peninsula Environmental Health Code

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Commissioners Don McLean, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton and Chairman Jim Martin

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

(C) Resolution 2020-17 Authorizing Chair Signature for 2020 Remonumentation Grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to adopt Resolution 2020-17 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020-17
Resolution Authorizing Chair Signature for 2020 Remonumentation Grant**

Whereas, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, hereby supports and authorizes the Chippewa County Chairman Jim Martin to sign all necessary documents for the Chippewa County 2020 Remonumentation Grant; and

Whereas, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners authorizes Jim Martin to be named the County Administrator of the County Remonumentation program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioner’s supports and authorizes the Chairman Jim Martin as the County Administrator of the Chippewa County Remonumentation program.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Commissioners Don McLean, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton and Chairman Jim Martin

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

(D) Board/Committee/Agency/Authority vacancies applicants

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to accept the Board/Agencies and Committees Applicants. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Chippewa County Building Authority
Expires 12/31/2020 (2-year appointment)
2 appointments
Current: James Traynor, one vacant
Applicants: James Traynor

Chippewa County Building Code Board of Appeals
Expires 12/31/2020 (2-year appointment)
3 appointments
Current: Kathy Cairns, Clayton McGahey, Samuel White
Applicants: Kathy Cairns, Clayton McGahey, Samuel White

Department of Health & Human Services
Expires: 10/31/2020 (3-year appointment)
1 appointment
Current: Christine Curtis
Applicants: Christine Curtis

Department of Veterans Affairs
Expires 3/31/2021 (4-year appointment)
1 appointment
Current: Robert Savoie
Applicants: Mark Meiners, Robert Savoie

Economic Development Corporation
Expires 12/31/2020 & 3/31/2021 (6-year appointment)
2 appointments
Current: Dick Timmer, Jim Quinnel
*Note: Both Appointment terms will expire 3/31/2027
Applicants: Christopher Griffen, Bradley L. Ormsbee, Jim Quinnell, Richard Timmer, Matthew Wilks

E 9-1-1 Chippewa County Central Dispatch – Citizen Position
Expires 12/31/2020 (2-year appointment)
1 appointment

Current: Raymond Johnson

Applicants: Mark Meiners

EUP Transportation Authority

Expires 12/31/2020 (3-year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Lynda Garlitz

Applicants: Lynda Garlitz, Jesse Knoll, Ted Postula

Jury Commission

Expires 4/30/2021 (6-year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Jay Porcaro

Applicants:

Hiawatha Behavioral Health Authority

Expires 3/31/2021 (3-year appointment)

2 appointments

Current: Jim Moore, Rudy Johnson

Applicants: Raymond Johnson, James R. Moore

Road Commission

Expires 12/31/2020 (6-year appointment)

1 appointment

Current: Jeremy Gagnon

Applicants: Jeremy Gagnon

War Memorial Hospital, Inc.

Expires 12/31/2020

1 appointment (4-year appointment)

Current: Ted Postula

Applicants: Anthony E. Andary, Thomas Farnquist, Raymond Johnson,
Charles Palmer, Ted Postula

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2020

Chairman – Commissioner Savoie

AGENDA ITEMS

Central Dispatch – 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant

The Committee review the FY2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant agreement, the agreement reimburses 34.83% of the OES Director salary. Documentation included the Grant Agreement, Subrecipient Risk Assessment Certification, Standard Assurances, Certifications regarding lobbying; debarment, etc., Audit Certification (EMD-053 and the County's W-9.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commission Mclean, to approve and authorize the necessary documents for the FY2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff Department – Jail and Booking Area

The Committee reviewed a proposal from Albert Heating & Cooling to eliminate a problem in the booking area; with Option 2 including to cool in low temperatures. The proposal also included a quote to furnish and install a new vent on the boiler chimney.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the quotes from Albert Heating & Cooling as follows: Booking area -Option 2 in the amount of \$7,348.00 and Boiler Chimney Option 1 – in the amount of \$2,080.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Policy 244 Holiday Pay for Part-Time Employees – Effective Nov.12, 2020

The Committee reviewed the draft policy 244 – Holiday pay for Part-time Employees. This policy was brought forward to help with maintaining staffing and scheduling in several departments of the County including Dispatchers, Corrections Officers, Animal Control, Health Department and Cooks.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Mclean, to approve and Authorize Policy 244 - Holiday Pay for Part-Time Employees – effective November 12, 2020. A brief discussion followed, which included looking into hiring full-time employees with benefits. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – MiSAIL Intergovernmental Agreement for Data Exchange between Chippewa County and DTMB

The Committee reviewed a request to enter into an Agreement with the State of Michigan's Department of Technology, Management and Budget for the purpose of making Geographic Information System (GIS) data and digital orthoimage data (Imagery) owned and maintained by the respective Parties available to both Parties, without fee or cost.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize the Intergovernmental Agreement for Data Exchange Between Chippewa County and DTMB, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – MERS Addendums

The Committee reviewed the Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement Addendums and the Hybrid Plan Adoption Agreement Addendums for the County, the Health Department and the Chippewa County EDC. This task was established by MERS, as an audit to conform the correct eligibility and provisions to all of the County's divisions, which include: 17030101 – County AFSCME – Closed; 17030102 – County Corrections – Closed; 17030116 – General Non-Un Dispatch >5/1/10 – Closed; 17030120 – Chippewa Sheriff Road – Closed; 170301HA – County Sheriff Road after 5/1/10; 170301HB – County Corrections after 5/1/10; 170301HC – County, Non-Union, Dispatch after 5/1/10; 170301HF – County ASFCME after 4/1/12; 17030211 – Health Department – Closed; 17030215 – Health Department Non-Union – Closed; 170302HD – Health Department Teamsters after 4/1/11;

170302HE – Health Department Non-Union after 4/1/11; 17030517- EDC General after 12/1/13 and 17030513 – EDC General – Closed. Each entity reviewed the documents with MERS prior to submission to the Finance Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize the MERS Addendums as presented for Chippewa County divisions as listed above. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Courts Hardware-Software Request from Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant

The Committee review quotes for six (6) laptops, three (3) Surface Pros and ten (10) MS Office licenses. Quotes were received from Sehi, Insight and Yeo & Yeo. These expenses will be reimbursed.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve and authorize the low bids, as follows: six (6) laptops from Sehi, price not to exceed \$3,786.00; three (3) Surface Pros from Sehi, price not to exceed \$3,991.50 and ten (10) MS Office licenses from Insight, price not to exceed \$2,093.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Authorization for Sheriff to sign U.S. Marshalls Service contract renewal

The Committee was asked to authorize Sheriff Michael Bitnar to sign the renewed U.S. Marshall Services contract for housing inmates, as amended and renegotiated.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to authorize and approve Sheriff Michael Bitnar signature on the renegotiated U.S. Marshall Services Agreement. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – COVID-19 Action

The Committee discussed COVID-19 recent upswing and precautions to take. The discussion was to close the County Buildings except for by appointment and/or court hearing; with all services, be available to constituents; with no change to staff; as all are deemed essential.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to make all access to all County Buildings by appointment and/or by court hearing ONLY and to authorize Administrator German and Health Officer Senkus to review and lift limited access to the buildings when suitable. A brief discussion followed, which included revisiting the idea of some employees working from home. 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 October County bills and payroll: general claims \$493,750.30 other fund claims \$3,419,706.97, payroll \$562,161.92, and Health Department claims \$268,957.52 and payroll \$200,825.99. total claims \$4,945,402.70. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to accept the November 5, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD
REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL COMMENTS

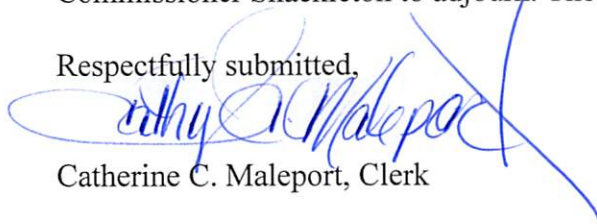
Among some of the comments were the following:

Commissioner McLean reported on EDC meetings he recently attended and noted the following:

- They're continuing their progress towards getting the Michigan Launch Initiative Command and Control Center in Chippewa County and referred to a presentation of their proposal to take place sometime around the 20th of November.
- Also, at the EDC they have a new cell tower going up that should improve phone reception.
- They continue to remodel buildings for new tenants, and they're also working with EUP Shavings.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton to adjourn. The Board adjourned at approximately 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Jim Martin, Chairman