

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Board Meeting  
February 23, 2015

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the 91<sup>st</sup> District Courtroom in Chippewa County.

Chairman Shackleton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Present: Commissioners Conor Egan, Raymond öRudyö Johnson, Jim Martin, Don McLean and Chairman Scott Shackleton

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Brand, Sheriff Robert Savoie, Under Sheriff Mike Bitnar, Jay Gage, Steve Welch, Kristina Denison, Chippewa County Treasurer Marjorie Hank, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to add to the agenda, under New Business, Resolution 2015-04 - Special Recognition to Brian Pepler. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to adopt the agenda with that addition. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the below referenced minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

- Public Hearing ö FY2015 Budget ö December 15, 2014
- Regular Meeting ö December 15, 2014
- Organizational Meeting ö January 2, 2015
- Special Meeting ö January 26, 2015

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERKöS OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the clerkö office and, if necessary, forward to the appropriate committee. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Steve Welch announced that a few months ago he brought to the Commissioner's attention the unsafe speed limit on three mile road, between Shunk and Seymour, and wanted to bring to their attention, the recent bad accident in hopes that something could be done before there is a loss of life.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - For informational purposes only.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2015-01 Approve Text to 9-1-1

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve Resolution 15-01 as follows:

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION 2015-01**

**Whereas**, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners (Board) is authorized under Michigan's Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended (Act) and under authority provided by its Emergency Telephone Services Plan (911 Plan) to make administrative findings regarding among things, the 9-1-1 services provided within the 911 Plan's Service District;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that the Board hereby makes an Administrative Finding that Chippewa County will adopt Text to 9-1-1 and other enhanced 9-1-1 services otherwise known as Next Generation 9-1-1 (NextGen 9-1-1) in conjunction with Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC who has previously be defined as Chippewa County's primary NextGen 9-1-1 service supplier, employing a common network that enables all other service suppliers within the 9-1-1 Plan's Service District to be selectively routed and otherwise access the 9-1-1 system and the primary PSAPs identified in the Plan;

**Be It Further Resolved**, that Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC is authorized and directed to work with the 911 Plan's service suppliers, the Michigan Public Service Commission, State 911 Committee and State 911 Director and any other state, federal or local authority in order to effectuate and implement the provisions of this Administrative Finding.

**Be It Further Resolved**, that this Resolution shall augment, supersede, modify or replace any inconsistent prior resolution or motion;

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the County Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution and its

Administrative Findings to each service supplier, PSAP, and emergency service provider within the County.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, Martin and Shackleton

Nays: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

**B. Resolution 2015-03 Support Electrical Power Upgrade**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to accept resolution 2015-03 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-03**

**ELECTRICAL POWER RESOLUTION**

**Whereas**, MISO (Midcontinent) and FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) does not recognize the electrical connection between the Upper Peninsula and the Lower Peninsula;

**Whereas**, the transmission capacity between the Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula is woefully inadequate for generations in the Upper Peninsula;

**Whereas**, the Eastern Upper Peninsula is presently a net user of electrical power;

**Whereas**, there is a projected 15% shortfall of electrical power in the Northern Lower Peninsula by 2016;

**Whereas**, there is a concern about the electrical reliability by MISO and FERC in the Upper Peninsula and will be in the Lower Peninsula in the future;

**Whereas**, the Eastern Upper Peninsula could be a net provider of electrical power with possible projects of a 320 MW natural gas plant in Mackinac County, 35 MW would co-generation plant in Luce County, at least 20 MW of wind power in Chippewa county along with other possible projects in the Eastern Upper Peninsula;

**Whereas**, these first three projects are already in the planning stage and would produce huge economic development boosts to the Eastern Upper Peninsula;

**Whereas**, the energy supplier, Cloverland Electric Cooperative, supports transmission upgrades in the Eastern Upper Peninsula to the Lower Peninsula;

**Whereas**, the governor plans a special address on electrical power in March;

**Whereas**, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUPRC&D) wants to be part of the electrical power solution for the Eastern Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Commission recommends that all our legislative representatives at the federal and state level, along with the Governor's office support a major upgrade of the transmission capability through the Eastern Upper Peninsula, down through the Straits to Gaylord, and strongly urge MISO and FERC to recognize the connection between the Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Shackleton

Nays: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

C. Resolution and Ordinance for Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage FloodPlain Development of Pickford Township.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage FloodPlain Development for Pickford Township.

*See attached Exhibit A*

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

D. Resolution 2015-04 Special Recognition of Brian Pepler

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve resolution 2015-04 as follows:

**RESOLUTION 15-04  
SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**BRIAN PEPLER**

**LET IT BE KNOWN**, that it is with great pride that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners join together with the residents of Chippewa County, to express their wish of good health and happiness upon the retirement of his Prosecuting Attorney position term with Chippewa County.

**BRIAN PEPLER** started with Chippewa County in the Public Defender's Office in June of 1997; moving onto the Prosecutor's Office and eventually being elected in the 1999 Election and serving the residents of Chippewa County from January 1, 2000 until March 1, 2015.

**BRIAN PEPLER** has provided outstanding service to Chippewa County and its residents over seven-teen years; of which he has spent many countless hours providing safety and justice.

**BRIAN PEPLER** has served the citizens of Chippewa County, in a manner above reproach, and for this we extend our thanks.

**BRIAN PEPLER** performed his duties throughout his tenure with professionalism; selflessness; his care and concern for others; a man of integrity who saw a need and followed through for the citizens of the County and surrounding area; and a man who has stood up for his principles time and again.

**IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE**, therefore, upon his retirement this document is signed and dedicated to honor BRIAN PEPLER for his professionalism, his services and his contributions to Chippewa County; the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners along with the citizens of Chippewa County offer a gracious thank you for a job well done, and hope that his retirement will be filled with family, friends and fun.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
Commissioner Egan, Chairman  
February 17, 2015

Prosecutor Resignation

Administrator German explained that the Prosecutor would be resigning and his successor would be picked by Judge Lambros most likely from inside the Prosecutors Office.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the Prosecutor's resignation effective 3/01/2015 and authorize filling the vacancies that it may create. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Advisory Committee Policy**

Changes were reviewed in regards to individuals missing meetings for Ancillary Boards and Advisory Boards.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to accept the changes to the Advisory Policy #122 (*see attached Exhibit B*). A discussion followed. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to accept the Personnel/Equalization/Health and Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2015 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Martin, Chairman

February 19, 2015

**Correspondence and Informational Items**

The Committee received the Treasurer's investment report for December and January, the monthly travel report which included Administrator travel that needs to be approved, the December Visa billing statement for review and the MERS ó Retiree Health Funding Vehicle quarterly statement.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve Administrator German's travel to the U.P. Administrator's conference in Escanaba on February 26<sup>th</sup>. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**Chippewa County Health Department 2% Funding Request – EUP Hospice Services**

The Committee received and reviewed the Health Department's request for support of 2% Funding Request for EUP Hospice services, these funds help to ensure ongoing bereavement and end of life support to patients and families receiving Hospice Care through Hospice of the EUP.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve and authorize signature for the Health Department's 2% Funding Request for EUP Hospice Services. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Chippewa County Health Department - Additional \$6,700 Budget Request – U.P. Smiles grant**

The Committee received and reviewed the documents for the U.P. Wide Smiles Project, offered through Marquette County Health Department, to improve the oral health of U.P. children to support a school rinse program. To help the children in the U.P. that are at high risk of dental disease. Discussion ensued which included questions regarding how the services would be offered, the Health Department's fund balance, legacy costs and their cash available status, as well as, the County \$15,249 FY15 fund balance.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to support the U.P. Smile grant, by splitting the requested \$6,700 between the Health Department and the County, with each providing \$3,350.00 for the local grant match. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Circuit Court – Jail Diversion Agreement**

The Committee reviewed the updated NorthCare Network Jail Diversion Agreement between Hiawatha Behavioral Health and Chippewa County, which facilitates collaboration and support between Law Enforcement, County Corrections, the Court, Prosecutor's Office and Hiawatha Behavioral Health to effectively utilize available mental health and community resources when deemed appropriate as an alternative to incarceration. The agreement shall be in full effect as of January 30, 2015, and demonstrates community compliance with the Mental Health Code, Section 330.1207.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve and authorize signature for the NorthCare Network Jail Diversion Agreement, effective January 30, 2015, which demonstrates compliance with the Mental Health Code, Section 330.1207. A discussion followed which included that it is a well-structured program; however, if funding is not available, it's not going to happen. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Equipment purchases and requests**

**Snow Machine – Purchase and Trade-In**

The Committee reviewed the administratively approved purchase (due to timing constraints); the bid summary and the bid submission forms for the purchase of one (1) new 4 stroke snowmobile and trade-in of two (2) Arctic Cats and one (1) Ski Doo, both bids met specifications. The low bid was from the Fish and Hunt Shop for a 2015 Ski Doo Renegade 900 less the trade-ins price of \$7,350.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the purchase of the 2015 Ski Doo Renegade 900, with the trade-ins as summarized, for an amount not to exceed \$7,350.00 to the Fish and Hunt Shop. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Used Mini Van – Purchase**

The Committee reviewed the administratively approved purchase (due to mechanical breakdowns) and the bid summary for the purchase of one (1) used van, both bids met

specifications, with the low bid being offered from O'Connor Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram bid price of \$16,665.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the purchase Chrysler Town & Country for an amount not to exceed \$16,665.00 from O'Connor Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Telephone Switches – Purchase and Waive Purchasing Policy - \$7,289.20**

The Committee was updated on the Zultys Media Exchange (MX) Communications system that will be installed and has been previously purchased through DS Tech, through the County's bidding policies. The Committee was provided with a quote from DS Tech for the needed switches for the telephone project, and was asked to waive the County's purchasing policy for this item, so that the County does not get caught between vendors at and future date, and also due to the fact that our current maintenance support agreement expires on May 2, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the purchase of the Switches as quoted from DS Tech, at a price not to exceed \$7,289.20, and to waive the County's purchasing policy to expedite this purchase and installation of the new communications system. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Approval to Release RFQ for the purchase of two Patrol Units**

The Committee received and reviewed the previously budgeted RFQ for the purchase of two Patrol Units.

It was moved by Commission Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the release of the RFQ for the purchase of two (2) Patrol Units as presented. A discussion followed which included that both patrol units are eight years old with 160,000 to 170,000 miles on them. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Approval to Release RFQ for the purchase of two multifunction copier machines**

The Committee received and reviewed the previously budgeted RFQ for the purchase of two multifunction copier machines.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the release of the RFQ for the purchase of two (2) multifunction copier machines as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Purchasing Policy No. 320-Update**

Administrator German addressed the Committee requesting an update to the County's Purchasing Policy No. 320, to help improve efficiency with certain purchases that are approved through the budget, but get delayed due to the administrator's limits. The Committee reviewed the draft changes for Policy No. 320. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the changes to Policy No. 320 Purchasing, Contracts and Sales, as presented. On a voice



vote, the motion carried. *(Policy attached)*

**County Commissioners Benefits & Compensation Policy No. 121 (from Personnel)**

The Committee reviewed the updated County Commissioners Benefits & Compensation Policy No. 121, which eliminates Chippewa County Commissioners eligibility to receive and/or accrue County retirement or hospitalization/medical insurance as of January 15, 2017.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve Policy No. 121 County Commissioners Benefits & Compensation as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**FINANCE**

**Claims and Accounts**

The Committee reviewed the bills and payroll presented for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to recommend the approval of December and January bills and payroll as follows: General claims totaling \$841,484.21, other fund claims of \$1,024,942.87, payroll of \$1,036,941.83 and Health Department claims of \$1,267,444.44 and total claims of \$4,170,813.35 and vouchers H-1 through H-145 and H-1 through H-487. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to accept the Finance Claims and Accounts minutes of February 19, 2015 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND  
GENERAL COMMENTS**

- Commissioner McLean distributed information relative to the airport. *(See attached)* As chairman to the EDC he requested that this information be put together commending Tami Beseau for a job well done. He announced, that the one thing he wanted to call attention to is in the second paragraph, on the second page, and recited the following:

öMost airports, except the really large ones lose money each and every year. CIU (according to audited numbers) loses between \$250,000 and \$400,000 dollars each year managing the airport.ö

He pointed this out because each year the airport asks for \$26,368.00 to match a grant which enables the EDC to receive \$1,000,000.00 in Federal money. He further noted that the EDC offsets those losses attributed to the airport through rents and other various activities.

- Commissioner McLean also raised questions on the status of the three mile road speed limit issue. A discussion followed with Commissioner Shackleton requesting that the administrator contact the county road commission and ask for additional information. Commissioner McLean suggested that if they cannot get some movement, perhaps they should consider a resolution.
- Commissioner Martin asked Commissioner McLean how our contribution is in comparison to Alpena and Pelston who also have a commercial airport. Commissioner McLean replied, indicating that it is substantially less and he will get that information.
- Commissioner Egan thanked commissioner McLean for the EDC/Airport document he provided as it was very eye opening.
- Addressing the three new Commissioners, Chairman Shackleton announced that it is a real pleasure to be working with them, and to have them on board. He also indicated that he is really optimistic about this commission working together over the next few years. Commissioner McLean agreed with his comments.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman