

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Board Meeting
March 9, 2015

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the 91st 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: Raymond Rudy Johnson, Jim Martin, Don McLean and Chairman Scott Shackleton

Absent: Commissioner Conor Egan

Also Present: Scott Brand, Sheriff Robert Savoie, Chippewa County Prosecutor Dennis McShane, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jim Robinson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jillian Sadler, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jeff Miller, Jim and Michele Traynor, Karen Cladas, Kristina Denison, Brad Ormsbee, 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 approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

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

- Workshop of February 19, 2015
- Regular Meeting of February 23, 2015

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Dennis McShane appeared before the Commission to introduce himself as the newly

appointed prosecutor for Chippewa County stating that he just wanted to say hello and that he is looking forward to working with everyone. He also introduced his attorney team, Chief assistant prosecutor Jim Robinson, together with assistant prosecutors Jillian Sadler and Jeff Miller.

- Kristina Dennison with the Soil Conservation District of Chippewa Luce and Mackinac Counties appeared before the Commission to say hello to the new Commissioners that she has not formerly met, and again to the ones she has before. She provided an update on the Michigan invasive species grant funding program noting that the Commission, back in December, gratefully provided a letter of support to the conservation district. She wanted to let the commission know that they were awarded that funding; \$179,000.00 will be coming to the conservation district for invasive species management.
- James Traynor appeared before the commission to bring to their attention that a new commissioner ran with a campaign promise of not receiving health care and is now receiving it.
- Brad Ormsbee appeared before the Commission on behalf of the Chippewa County Fairgrounds. He noted that they put in for a grant for the third year in a row with the State of Michigan and have received that grant for the third time. They are in the process of fund- raising the balance of money to put up a 30 by 40 building that will have eight shower units with a bath house connected to it having restroom facilities. He thanked the Commission stating the fairgrounds committee appreciates everything the Commission does, that their not asking for anything, other than if they run across business people that might be interested or individuals, to please send them to him.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - For informational purposes only.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 2015-06 Chippewa County International, Michigan Airport of the Year.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve Resolution 15-06 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-06
RESOLUTION OF HONORING
THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AS
MICHIGAN AIRPORT OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of Aeronautics has named Chippewa County International Airport as Michigan Airport of the Year. The annual award recognizes outstanding service to Michigan aviation. This is the 24th year that the MDOT Office of Aeronautics has presented the award.

WHEREAS, in presenting the award to the Chippewa County International Airport, MDOT Aeronautics Commission Director Michael Trout said the airport "has performed in an exemplary manner in continuous improvement."

WHEREAS, Airport manager Tami Beseau accepted the award, and said the airport's success would not be possible without its dedicated and knowledgeable staff. As passenger counts to and from Chippewa County International continue to increase and now total 40,000 passengers a year.

WHEREAS, the award in part salutes the airport's recent runway rehabilitation, a 3.5 million dollar project that included a three week interruption in commercial service; the paving project, to 52 days of coordination and was done ahead of schedule.

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County EDC has managed the airport since 1987, and also operates the Chippewa County Air/Industrial Park, 23 industrial buildings, 2.5 miles of railroad connecting the main CN line and hosts winter automobile testing programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chippewa County Board of Commissioners commends and honors the Chippewa County EDC: President Tom Ewing, Airport Manager Tami Beseau, the knowledgeable staff, both current and prior, as well as, the members of the Chippewa County EDC Board for receiving the accolade as "Michigan Airport of the Year" award.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Johnson, Martin, McLean and Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Martin, Chairman

March 5, 2015

FINANCE

Claims and Accounts

The Committee reviewed the bills and payroll presented for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to recommend the approval of February bills and payroll as follows: General claims totaling \$185,164.18, other fund claims of \$374,118.25, payroll of \$447,111.09 and Health Department claims of \$473,218.26 and total claims of \$1,479,611.78 and vouchers H-1 through H-256. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to accept the Finance Claims and Accounts meeting minutes of March 5, 2015 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND
GENERAL COMMENTS

- Commissioner McLean noted that Mr. Ormsbee is very active as he indicated he is on the Fair Board, but also in his fund raising efforts, that he has contributed money himself for various improvements for the facilities that are out there.
- Commissioner Martin recognized Commissioner McLean and former Commissioner Jesse Knoll's efforts in removing the health care package for county commissioners, noting that they deserve credit for this as much as anyone else.
- Chairman Shackleton announced that War Memorial Hospital will be having a Finance meeting on March 23rd, at 11:30 a.m. He indicated that at that Finance meeting is the presentation of the annual audit and the Commission is invited.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman