

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
September 14, 2015

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Undersheriff Mike Bitnar, Jim and Michelle Traynor, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to add to the agenda the following:

- Resolution 15-23 - *Resolution in Support of Community Corrections Application for FY2015-16 and Support of the Collaborative Effort of the E.U.P. Community Corrections Advisory Board*
- A discussion concerning the E.D.C. Brownfield Committee.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve the agenda as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve the regular County Board meeting minutes of August 10, 2015, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

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 COMMENTS

- Commissioner Johnson shared a story reflecting how caring and generous people are in our community referencing Mike Wallis and Northern Sand and Gravel's donations to a family in Strongs dealing with terminal cancer.

Administrator's Report – Given for informational purposes only.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Board of County Canvassers notice – 2 appointments ó expires 10/31/2019
(1) ó Republican Position and (1) Democratic Position.

Republican Nominees: Judy Smith, Ben Duff and Tim Ellis

On a roll call vote:

Commissioner Egan	-	Judy Smith
Commissioner Johnson	-	Tim Ellis
Commissioner Martin	-	Tim Ellis
Commissioner McLean	-	Tim Ellis
Chairman Shackleton	-	Judy Smith

Democratic Party Nominees: Garry Galloway, Richard Jacobson and Dr. Phil Bellfy

Commissioner Egan	-	Dr. Phil Bellfy
Commissioner Johnson	-	Richard Jacobson
Commissioner Martin	-	Richard Jacobson
Commissioner McLean	-	Richard Jacobson
Chairman Shackleton	-	Richard Jacobson

Tim Ellis and Richard Jacobson were appointed to the Board of Canvassers for a term to expire October 31, 2019.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to appoint Ms. Allison Youngs to fill her Mother's term, to expire October 31, 2017.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, that the remaining Canvass Board nominees be appointed as alternates for a term to expire October 31, 2019.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Superior District Library Board Resignation and Replacement through end of term of 12/31/2015.

Chairman Shackleton explained that Clayton Hufnagel has resigned and the Superior District Library has communicated to us that they have a replacement in mind, Ms. Lorna Hauswith, and would like this Board to approve her. He further noted that this term expires at the end of December, and at that time they would have the opportunity to advertise for it, and fill it with her or somebody else.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to concur with the recommendation of the Superior District Library Board.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

B) Resolution 15-22 Opting Out of PA152 Requirements for Healthcare

Chairman Shackleton explained that this a requirement from the State of Michigan, that if you're not going to require your employees to pay 20% of their Health Care then you have to opt out, on an annual basis. He reported that one of the reasons we are doing this is because we worked with our employees and deductibles and co-pays were increased rather, than go 80-20.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to adopt resolution 15-22 as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-22
RESOLUTION OPTING OUT OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF PA 152 OF 2011**

Whereas, bargaining is strictly the responsibility of the county commission on behalf of the good citizens it serves; and

Whereas, PA 152 of 2011 erodes the responsibilities of duly elected local county commissioners and the trust held between those commissioners and their constituents; and

Whereas, PA 152 of 2011 constitutes an attempt by the legislature to dictate the terms on which counties bargain with their employees; and

Whereas, PA 152 of 2011 is a new foray by the state into dictating the terms of healthcare at the local level; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of PA 152 of 2011, Section 8(1), Chippewa County exercises its right to opt out of the requirements of the Act for the plan year beginning January 1, 2016 by two-thirds majority vote of this Board in support of this resolution.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

C) Resolution 15-23 – Resolution in Support of Community Corrections Application for FY2015-16 and Support of the Collaborative Effort of the E.U.P. Community Corrections Advisory Board – (Added to the Agenda)

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adopt Resolution 15-23 as presented below.

Commissioner Mclean explained that when you read the Sheriff's letter included in the board packet, relative to handling community service, you see the community corrections budget was cut from \$100,000 and some, to I believe \$25,000. He indicated that he is the chairman of the Community Corrections Committee and they put together a program that will get them started in the right direction. It really curtails the amount of efforts we can make in community corrections.

The sheriff is moving in the direction of asking various groups that use the community service end of it, to see if their still interested and see if they would be willing to pay a portion for the deputy who runs that. The issue of how this has been slashed by Lansing, has been a real problem, in all areas of the Eastern U.P. He further explained that if they can get this going, with the Sheriff's effort to put the community service end of it together, there's an idea that we could get Lake State to do a study and prove that it does have some benefits.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-23

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS APPLICATION FOR FY2015-16 AND SUPPORT OF THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT OF THE E.U.P. COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the E.U.P. Community Corrections Advisory Board consisting of the Counties of Mackinac, Luce and Chippewa, has submitted a one year application for State of Michigan Community Corrections Act Funds, and;

WHEREAS, the E.U.P. Community Corrections Board has recommended continued support for FY2015-16, with Chippewa County continuing as the fiduciary, and;

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the comprehensive plan goals and objective for FY2015-16, as well as, reviewed the funding level for each county. For the period October 2015 through September 2016, and concurs with the recommendation presented.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chippewa County Board of Commissioners supports the plan goals and objectives for FY2015-16, as well as, the continuation of the collaborative efforts of the Mackinac, Luce and Chippewa County's Community Corrections and respectively supports the recommendation from the E.U.P. Community Corrections Advisory Board.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

D) BROWNFIELD COMMITTEE – *Added to the Agenda*

Commissioner McLean, Chairman of the E.D.C. explained that one of the committees that have been part of the E.D.C. organization for years is called the Brownfield Committee. It has fallen into disuse and basically has not operated in years. Some of the efforts that they're trying is to rejuvenate that committee, so that if a business comes in and they want to locate here, they want to be able to do everything they can and have a committee up and running that would handle brownfield issues. For those that are not familiar with it, he indicated that it's a program that offers funding through the Federal Government and State Government to clean up sites that have been polluted and to put them back into use as industrial sites or commercial sites. He indicated that MACC *Michigan Association of Counties* is one of the largest resources and in order to get MACC to help, the request has to go through a County Commissioner. He noted that he wanted to bring this to the Boards attention, to get

their approval or consensus that it is a good idea so that they can proceed.

It was the consensus of the Board to proceed.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Commissioner Martin, Chairman

August 6, 2015

AGENDA ITEMS

Community Corrections Grant

The Committee reviewed the 2016 Community Corrections Grant. Cuts in the program from the State were discussed.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the Community Correction Grant from 10/01/2015 to 9/30/2016 in the amount of \$31,558. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to empower the Sheriff to move forward with contracts to continue the Community Service Program through October 12th, 2015 when a more detailed analysis could be given as to possible solutions to State funding cuts to the program. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Medical Examiner Facility Use Agreement with Spectrum Health Hospital

The Committee reviewed the Amendment from Spectrum Hospital for the Medical Examiner Facility Use Agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the amendment from Spectrum Health Hospitals for the Facility use by the Medical Examiner. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Circuit Courtroom

The Committee reviewed the price from Custom Technology for the sound dampening system. They were informed that, in tests, it worked well.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the sound dampening system from Custom Technology in the amount of \$19,717 and to waive the bidding policy. When asked why the bidding process was waived, Administrator German noted that they have had a trial test with a very positive report; the company has already set up a test that is operating well and has invested a lot of time and effort in it. He noted that the price seems like it is going to be in line based on the extent of the work and the materials he is going to provide.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Release of RFQ's for Snow Planning and Removal

The Committee reviewed the RFQs for snow plowing and removal for 2015-2016.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the RFQs

for snow plowing and removal. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administrator's Contract

The Committee reviewed the Administrator's contract as it is to expire in the near future.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the Administrator's contract dated September 14, 2015. A discussion followed concerning the one year severance package. 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 Johnson, to recommend the approval of August bills and payroll as follows: The general claims totaling \$202,888.05, other fund claims of \$392,025.12, payroll of \$465,238.87, Health Department claims of \$490,365.15 and total claims of \$1,550,517.19 and vouchers H-1 through H-282.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to accept the Finance, Claims & Accounts meeting minutes of September 10, 2015, as presented.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL COMMENTS

- Commissioner McLean announced that the MACC conference is coming up on the 21st and 22nd of this month and recommended that the Commissioners strongly consider attending that because it is worthwhile. He also reported the U.P. County Commissioners conference that's coming up in November on the 5th or 6th and strongly recommended that one day event in Escanaba.
- Commissioner Egan noted that Hiawatha Behavioral Health has entered into a contract with a new CEO, Dan McKinney. He indicated that he is a very standup guy and that hopefully he will precipitate some changes there and get some things rolling. His qualifications, more than met the standards by the State.

Commissioner Egan also noted that he attended a meeting on Drummond Island to talk about a possible plan, created by the citizens of Drummond Island, that is being approved by the Department of Natural Resources. The plan allows them to have a little bit more say of what happens with their public lands, as well as, recreation and hunting. He explained that as soon as it goes to the department heads, and the NRC decides to do something with it, they're going to send us a letter asking us to maybe lend some support. I would highly recommend us to take that under advisement. It's the first time in the history of my dealings with the DNR, that they have taken recommendations from actual citizens of the area that their imposing rules on, and are actually doing something about it. This is kind of an experiment; it is definitely interesting and I will keep you apprised of it.

- Commissioner Johnson noted that Commissioner McLean and he attended a very interesting Congressional hearing for Veterans Affairs with U.S. Representative Dan Benishek speaking.
- Commissioner McLean announced that Lake State is having a meeting on Thursday September 17, 2015 at the Crow's Nest at 5:30 p.m. This is a chance for the community to get involved. They will be talking about their master plan and how it integrates with our community and economy.
- Commissioner Martin announced that Wednesday is the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. He noted that it is a very good cause; our Law enforcement officers raise money for Special Olympics.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adjourn. On a voice vote the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman

