

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Organizational Meeting
January 4, 2016

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 4, 2016 in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

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 Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Brand, David Martin, Dave Pietrangelo, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Shackleton called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to nominate Commissioner McLean; having no further nominations, a roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Nays: None

Commissioner McLean was elected as Vice-Chairman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comments were offered.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting Schedule and Times

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to accept the meeting schedule and times as presented, which would include any needed amendments to the by-laws to accommodate that schedule. A discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean to amend the regular board meeting schedule to reflect the meetings being held on Thursdays all year. Receiving no support, the motion failed with a

discussion continuing.

A voice vote was taken as follows, on the original motion:

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

Nays: None.

The below referenced 2016 meeting schedule was declared adopted.

2016 Chippewa County Regular Board Meeting Schedule

February 8, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m.
March 14, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m.
April 11, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m.
May 9, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m.
June 16, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m. (Thursday)
July 14, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m. (Thursday)
August 11, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m. (Thursday)
September 12, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m.
October 10, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m.
November 14, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m.
December 19, 2016 ó 5:30 p.m. (Third Monday)

2016 Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee Meetings

Unless posted otherwise, the Chippewa County Board of CommissionersøFinance, Claims and Accounts Committee will meet on the Thursday prior to the second Monday of each month in the Circuit Court Room of the County Courthouse beginning at 5:30 p.m.

February 4, 2016
March 10, 2016
April 7, 2016
May 5, 2016
June 9, 2016
July 7, 2016
August 4, 2016
September 8, 2016
October 6, 2016
November 10, 2016
December 15, 2016(Third Thursday)

B. Holiday Schedule

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to accept the 2016 holiday schedule as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

2016 Chippewa County Holiday Schedule

- Friday, January 1, 2016 ó New Year's Day
- Monday, January 18, 2016 ó Martin Luther King Day
- Monday, February 15, 2016 ó President's Day
- Friday, March 25, 2016 ó Close at Noon ó Good Friday
- Monday, May 30, 2016 ó Memorial Day
- Monday, July 4, 2016 ó Independence Day
- Monday, September 5, 2016 ó Labor Day
- Friday, November 11, 2016 ó Veterans Day
- Thursday, November 24, 2015 ó Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 25, 2015 ó Day after Thanksgiving
- Friday, December 23, 2016 ó Christmas Eve
- Monday, December 26, 2016 ó Christmas Day
- Tuesday, December 27, 2016 ó Day after Christmas
- Friday, December 30, 2016 ó New Year's Eve
- Monday, January 2, 2017 ó New Year's Day

It was noted by Chairman Shackleton that there was no line item to approve the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner McLean to approve the agenda they're working with. Chairman Shackleton indicated that they have a request to make an appointment from the Upward Talent Counsel Board; therefore, requiring an addition.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin; to amend his motion to reflect the addition of the Upward Talent Counsel appointment. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

C. County By-laws

Commissioner McLean moved to amend the by-laws to postpone the December appointments until the January organizational meeting. He explained that this would allow the incoming commissioners to begin putting their own mark on various county boards, committees and agencies.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to accept the below referenced addition, under 9.6, page 10 of the by-laws.

- For vacancies that expire on 12/31 the Board of Commissioners will nominate and vote to fill the previously approved nominees at the Board of Commissioners, January Organizational meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed.

Chairman Shackleton explained that the original motion before us is shall the Board of Commissioners nominate and vote to fill the previously approved nominees of the Board of Commissioners at the January meeting. A yes vote would be to approve this. A no vote would be to continue to do it in December or change it at a later date.

On a voice vote, the motion carried with Commissioner Shackleton voting Nay.

A roll call vote was taken as follows, with Commissioner Martin requesting to have the motion re-stated one last time. Chairman Shackleton called upon the clerk to read the motion.

- For vacancies that expire on 12/31 the Board of Commissioners will nominate and vote to fill the previously approved nominees at the Board of Commissioners, January Organizational meeting.

Yeas: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, McLean

Nays: Commissioner Martin and Chairman Shackleton

The motion was declared adopted.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean to amend the by-laws, more specifically 9.7.5 to read as follows:

If a member of the Board of Commissioners is appointed to fill a vacancy, the term shall follow the Commissioners, term of office. *(if the by-laws of the entity allows,)*

Striking the italicized in parenthesis and adding that the administration will consult with representatives from the Economic Development Authority, Hiawatha Behavioral Health, War Memorial Hospital Board and the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority to research what their by-laws of the various organizations state and ask them to change their by-laws to

reflect the Term of Office

A discussion ensued regarding the Commissioners thoughts/opinions and possible legalities of such a change.

Recognizing that there are some outstanding questions that need to be answered; it was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to table this motion until our next meeting, which is February 8, 2016. On a voice vote, the motion carried with Commissioner Martin and Chairman Shackleton voting Nay.

D) CCHD – Telecommunications System – David Pietrangelo

Looking for approval to purchase a new phone system as their AVAYA contract runs out January 13, Mr. Pietrangelo, on behalf of the Chippewa County Health Department, provided information to the Board regarding quotes for such and answered the Commissioners questions.

Mr. Pietrangelo explained that if they don't act quickly, the contract gets extended for one year, which would cost an additional \$9,600. He would rather spend that money on new equipment.

It was noted that this contract would not exceed \$41,865.05 which would be financed over 5 years.

A discussion followed which included that this will save money and it's a better system.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to waive the purchasing policy and approve the proposal presented by Mr. Pietrangelo.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

E) Emergency Management Performance Grant – Additional funds

Ms. Church noted that there is money available, referencing \$1,273.54 from the state grant that the county could seek.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that we authorize the application to receive this grant money. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

F) Custom Technology – additional billing for the Circuit Courtroom work

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the Custom's Technology's additional billing, for the Circuit Courtroom work, as is indicated on Exhibit 1

On a voice vote the motion carried.

G.) Security Benefits – new plan document

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adopt resolution 16-01 as follows:

16-01
ADOPTING RESOLUTION

The undersigned authorized representative of Chippewa County (the Employer) hereby certifies that the following resolutions were duly adopted by the Employer on January 4, 2016, and that such resolutions have not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof:

RESOLVED, that the form of amended 457 Plan and Trust effective January 1, 2016, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted and that an authorized representative of the Employer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan.

The undersigned further certifies that hereto as **Exhibits A and B**, respectively are true copies of the Chippewa County, MI 457 Plan as amended and restated and the Summary of 457 Provisions, which are hereby approved and adopted.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Nays: None

The Resolution was declared adopted.

2) **Participant Loan Policy**

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the Loan policy as presented. *See attached Exhibit 2*

3) **Adoption Agreement for Eligible Governmental 457 Plan**

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the adoption agreement for the Eligible Governmental 457 Plan. On a voice vote, the motion carried. *See attached Exhibit 3*

H) Appointment, of a Commissioner, to the Upward Talent Counsel Board. *ó Added to the agenda*

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to appoint Commissioner McLean, to that position. Commissioner Martin stated that Commissioner McLean has given us as much autonomy as we're going to get under the law, and he will continue to fight for the EUP and its citizens. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

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GENERAL COMMENTS

- Commissioner McLean announced that the MACC conference is coming up in Lansing on February 29th and March 1st. It's one of the most important events that MACC holds. He encouraged his fellow Commissioners to attend.
- Commissioner McLean noted that he is going to add, to the agenda next month, consideration of a NACO membership and will provide information of what they provide, if anyone is not familiar with such. Commissioner Egan stated that the NACO benefits far outweigh the financial losses that we'd have to take.
- Commissioner Egan wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- Commissioner Martin provided an update on Senate Bill 571 which prohibits a local official or local body, from using public funds or resources, for communications relating to local ballot questions within 60 days prior to the scheduled election.

Hearing no further comments it was moved and supported to adjourn; the Board adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman