

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
May 8, 2017

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 8, 2017 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, Martin, McLean, Savoie and Chairman Shackleton

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Brand, Evening News, Sheriff Mike Bitnar, Undersheriff Greg Postma, Jim Traynor, Karen Senkus, Leigh Brown, John Lechner, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German, and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

Chairman Shackleton asked that the Board, together with those present, to observe a moment of silence for the loss of Dr. Tom Pleger and Dr. Louis LeKenda, two people who made some major contributions to our community and are indeed a great loss.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, 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 regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2017. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the clerk's office and, if necessary, forward to the appropriate committee. Commissioner Martin congratulated the EUP Transportation Authority for making available on line ticket sales for the ferries. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Lechner addressed the commission regarding his arrest in 2011, transporting explosives and alleged lies.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT– Jim German, given for informational purposes only – *no action items*.

NEW BUSINESS

A) **Resolution 17-11 Special Recognition for Nancy Ojala Brewster**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to adopt Resolution 17-11 as follows:

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION
RESOLUTION
2017-11**

Nancy Ojala-Brewster

WHEREAS, *Nancy Ojala-Brewster* was hired at the Chippewa County Health Department on November 17, 1987 as a data entry clerk in the Finance division and will be retiring May 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, *Nancy Ojala-Brewster* dutifully served the residents of Chippewa County for over twenty-nine years; and

WHEREAS, *Nancy Ojala-Brewster* served the community through her hard work and her continual work with the Health Department programs; and

WHEREAS, *Nancy Ojala-Brewster* has selflessly served the citizens of Chippewa County, helping to ensure the health of its citizens during her tenure with the Chippewa County Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank ***Nancy Ojala-Brewster*** for her many years of public service and particularly for her work in the Finance division at the Chippewa County Health Department.
2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends their best wishes to ***Nancy Ojala-Brewster*** for many years of good health and enjoyment in her retirement.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Martin, McLean, Savoie and Chairman Shackleton

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

B) Resolution 17-12 Special Recognition for Renee Tschirhart

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution 17-12 as follows:

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION
RESOLUTION
17-12**

Renee Tschirhart

WHEREAS, *Renee Tschirhart* was hired at the Chippewa County Health Department on February 11, 1986 as a nurse case manager in the Home Health & Hospice division and will be retiring as Personal & Family Health Supervisor in the Personal & Family Health division May 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, *Renee Tschirhart* dutifully served the residents of Chippewa County for over thirty-one years; and

WHEREAS, *Renee Tschirhart* served the community through her hard work and her continual work with the Health Department programs ensured the Community received access to much needed healthcare; and

WHEREAS, *Renee Tschirhart* has selflessly served the citizens of Chippewa County, helping to ensure the health of its citizens during her tenure with the Chippewa County Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank ***Renee Tschirhart*** for her many years of public service and particularly for her work in Personal & Family Health at the Chippewa County Health Department.
2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends their best wishes to ***Renee Tschirhart*** for many years of good health and enjoyment in her retirement.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Martin, McLean, Savoie and Chairman Shackleton

NAYS: None

C) Resolution 17-13 Special Recognition for Nancy Miller

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to adopt Resolution 17-13 as follows:

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION
RESOLUTION
17-13**

Nancy Miller

WHEREAS, *Nancy Miller* was hired at the Chippewa County Health Department on October 2, 1995 as a nurse case manager in the Home Health & Hospice division and will be retiring as a nurse case manager with a specialty in wound care June 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, *Nancy Miller* dutifully served the residents of Chippewa County for over twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, *Nancy Miller* served the community through her hard work and her continual work with the Health Department programs ensured the Community received access to much needed healthcare; and

WHEREAS, *Nancy Miller* has selflessly served the citizens of Chippewa County, helping to ensure the health of its citizens during her tenure with the Chippewa County Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank *Nancy Miller* for her many years of public service and particularly for her work in Home Health & Hospice at the Chippewa County Health Department.
2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends their best wishes to *Nancy Miller* for many years of good health and enjoyment in her retirement.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Martin, McLean, Savoie and Chairman Shackleton

NAYS: None

D) Resolution 17-14 MERS – Defining the Day for EDC

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to adopt Resolution 17-14 as follows:

See Attached Exhibit A

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Martin, McLean, Savoie and Chairman Shackleton

NAYS: None

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Chairman – Commissioner Martin

May 4, 2017

AGENDA ITEMS

Administrator Travel – to attend UPACC Conference)

The Committee reviewed the travel request to attend UPACC *Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners* Conference on May 18th and 19th. After the motion to approve the travel took place, Commissioners discussed the need for his attendance due to the ongoing ramifications of the Michigan Works transfer via the State of Michigan to Upward Talent Council, and there is an Upward Talent Council meeting following the UPACC conference.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the travel request for Administrator German to attend the UPACC *Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners* Conference on May 18th and 19th, 2017. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Cooperative Agreement between EUPRDC and Chippewa County to compete work for EUP Transportation-Logistics Strategy Work

The Committee was updated on the EUP Transportation-Logistics Strategy pass-through agreement between EUP Regional Planning & Development Commission and Chippewa County. An additional Cooperative Agreement is needed to complete necessary work elements to provide funding support, submit payments, and keep all financial documentation for grant reporting purposes.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the EUP Regional Planning & Development Commission and Chippewa County to complete the necessary work elements for the EUP Transportation Logistics Strategy project. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Authorization to Proceed with Contract (\$10,000 or less) for Courthouse Roof Project and to waive quote requirements to keep local

Administrator German addressed the Committee regarding the Courthouse Roof project, for re-shingling and re-roofing. Mr. German contacted the two local engineering/architect groups to get quotes, and to determine the scope of services for the project; which include preparing the base roof plans, specifications, plans and detail for the contractors, bidding services and provide to construction administrative services throughout the project. To keep the job local only two quotes were received; the low quote from U.P. Engineers & Architects came in at \$8,000. A discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to waive the County's Policy, and to award U.P. Engineers and Architects, Inc. a contract in the amount of \$8,000 for the architectural and engineering services for the Courthouse roof replacement project and the authorize the Administrator to sign and proceed with the project. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

ROD – Agreement for Internet Access to Real Estate Records

The Committee reviewed an Agreement for Internet Access for Real Estate Records between the County and Cloverland Electric Cooperative. This is a similar agreement previously used by the Register of Deeds Office, to provide secure on-line access to documents maintained through the Chippewa Land Records Search System.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the Agreement between Chippewa County Register of Deeds and Cloverland Electric Cooperative to provide secure internet access to Real Estate Records of Chippewa County. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Drug Court – NorthCare Network Jail Diversion Agreement

The Committee reviewed the NorthCare Network Jail Diversion Agreement, which facilitates collaboration and support between Law Enforcement, County Corrections, the Courts, Prosecutor's Office and Hiawatha Behavioral Health (HBH) of Chippewa County and to effectively utilize available mental health and community resources when deemed appropriate as an alternative to incarceration.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve and authorize the NorthCare Network Jail Diversion Agreement, as presented to demonstrate community compliance with the Mental Health Code, Section 330.1207. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

2017 Survey & Remonumentation Grant \$90,977; Program Representative contract \$14,902; Monumentation contract for 16 corners to Rogers Land Surveying \$25,600 and 38 corners to Northwood Land Surveying – a Sidock Company \$60,800 and Peer Review Surveyors Agreements not to exceed \$3,750 (Jeff Davis, Neil Hill, Erik Lewicki, Larry Rogers and Lawrence Weinreis)

The Committee reviewed the documents and mapping provided for the 2017 Survey and Remonumentation Grant and had a brief discussion regarding the continuance of the project and the locations of this year's corners being completed on Drummond Island, Trout Lake, Hulbert and Kinross Townships.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the agreements as presented, to approve and authorize signatures on the 2017 Survey and Remonumentation Grant for \$90,977; to approve William L. Karr, P.S. (Northwoods Land Surveying – A Sidock Company) to oversee administration of the contract in the amount of \$14,902; to approve two Monumentation contracts one for \$25,600 for 16 corners to Rogers Land Surveying and another for \$60,800 for 38 corners to Northwoods Land Surveying – A Sidock Company; to approve the Peer Review Agreements for Professional Surveyors not to exceed \$3,750; and not to exceed \$1,000 per surveyor between the following Surveyors: Jeff Davis, Great Lakes Surveying; Neil Hill, Mackinac Country Land Surveying; Erik Lewicki, Foresight LLC

Professional Land Surveys; Larry Rogers, Rogers Land Surveying; and Lawrence Weinreis, Michigan Department of Transportation. 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 April bills and payroll as follows: the general claims totaling \$344,535.16, other fund claims \$3,861,300.00, payroll \$462,129.07, Health Department claims \$267,523.79 and Health Department payroll \$121,425.91; total claims \$5,056,913.93 and vouchers H-1 through H-289. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to accept the Finance Claims and Accounts Committee Meeting minutes of May 4, 2017 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND
GENERAL COMMENTS

- Commissioner McLean announced that he just returned from a two hour Michigan Works meeting in Marquette and was favorably impressed with the information that was covered at the meeting.
- Commissioner Martin reminded everyone that Saturday May 13th you can dispose of Hazardous Waste at the recycling center.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman