

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
July 14, 2016

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, July 14, 2016 in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

Chairman Shackleton called the meeting to order at 5:33 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, Evening News, Dave Martin, Jim and Michelle Traynor, Karen Senkus, John Lechner, Kristina Denison, Maria Lee Brown, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German, and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the agenda as presented. 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 Board Meeting minutes together with the Truth and Taxation Meeting minutes of June 16, 2016, 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

Public comments were invited by the Chair on three separate occasions with John Lechner providing information to the Board as to his concerns with the courts.

Having no further comments, Chairman Shackleton declared Public Comments closed at 5:40 p.m.

Administrator's Report – Jim German, given for informational purposes only ó *no action items*.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Resolution 16-17 ó Special Recognition of David Martin

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution 16-17 as follows:



RESOLUTION 16-17

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

DAVID MARTIN

LET IT BE KNOWN, that it is with great pride that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners join together with the employees and residents of Chippewa County, to express their wishes of good health and happiness upon his retirement from the Chippewa County Health Department.

DAVID MARTIN has served the citizens of Chippewa County first as the Environmental Health Director and then as the Health Officer in a manner above reproach, and for this we extend our thanks. ***DAVID MARTIN*** has provided outstanding service to thousands of individuals for the past forty-two years.

DAVID MARTIN has brought recognition to himself, the community and the County of Chippewa. The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Chippewa County, extends their appreciation to a gentleman who is thoughtful, caring, involved and dedicated, and who made a favorable impact on the betterment of life in Chippewa County.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, therefore, upon his retirement from Chippewa County Health Department, this document is signed and dedicated to honor ***DAVID MARTIN***, for his countless contributions to Chippewa County, and the individuals he served so well. For his untiring efforts in improving the health and welfare of the citizens of this County, we join together to extend ***DAVID MARTIN***, a gracious thank you for a job well done, and wish him continued success in which he so richly deserves.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin and Chairman Shackleton

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

B) Resolution 16-18 Supporting U.P. Area Agency on Aging FY 217-2019 Multi-Year Plan for Services to the Elderly

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to adopt Resolution 16-18 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-18

**U.P. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
FY 2017-2019 MULTI-YEAR PLAN FOR SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY**

WHEREAS UPCAP, which serves as the U.P. Area Agency on Aging, is required to develop a Multi-Year (FY2017-2019) Area Plan that provides development and funding for programs to serve older adults in the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, during the Multi-Year Area Plan development process, UPCAP conducted needs surveys, seven public forums, two public hearings, and received input from service providers, older adults, county officials, human services organizations, and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, each U.P. county is represented by a county official on the UPCAP Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the UPCAP Board of Directors has unanimously approved the proposed Multi-Year Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, the AAA Multi-Year Plan also requires review by individual county boards;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners has received and hereby supports the U.P. Area Agency on Aging Multi-Year (FY2017-2019) Area Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be submitted to UPCAP and placed on file.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin and Chairman Shackleton

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

C) Resolution 16-19 Supporting Safe Operation of “Line 5” and to cease and desist crude oil, and to complete and share independent study.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to adopt Resolution 16-19 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-19

Supporting Safe Operation of “Line 5” and Cease and Desist Crude Oil through Line 5

WHEREAS, Line 5 is a set of twin, 62-year-old pipelines owned by Enbridge that carry light crude oil and natural gas from Sarnia, Ontario, through the Lower Peninsula, under the Straits of Mackinac, and across the Upper Peninsula to the Wisconsin border; and

WHEREAS, Line 5 fills critical energy needs including propane for 85% of the homes in the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan.

WHEREAS, Enbridge has stated a commitment to the safety of the pipeline and the Straits of Mackinac.

WHEREAS, the currents in the Straits of Mackinac can switch bi-directionally from east to west every few days, and, according to a 2014 University of Michigan study, are the worst possible place for an oil spill in the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes contain 20 percent of the world's fresh, available, surface water and are a drinking water source for over 35 million people; and

WHEREAS, one out of every five jobs in Michigan is linked to the high quality and quantity of fresh water in the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, tourism is one of Michigan's largest income industries bringing in billions of travelers dollars spent each year; and

WHEREAS, agriculture, fisheries, shipping and industry depend on the health of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, as Michiganders, we have a responsibility to be wise stewards of the waters of our State for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, protection of Michigan's water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restore degraded environments, after the fact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County of Michigan Board of Commissioners calls on the State of Michigan and the United States governments to be diligent in monitoring the safe operation of Line 5. And, if at any time, there is reasonable evidence that

the pipeline is likely to leak into the Straits of Mackinac it should be shut down until the respective agencies are satisfied that the pipeline is safe. And, a plan be made to fill the needs of the thousands of customers who rely on the energy transported by Line 5 in the event that the Straits of Mackinac portion needs to be shut down.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, Attorney General Bill Schuette, our State Representatives, State Senators, and U.S. Senators, calling their attention to the need to monitor Line 5 and protect the Great Lakes.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED AND ADDED to Chippewa County Resolution 15-37; that Enbridge should immediately cease and desist all crude oil product transportation through Line 5 until it has been independently inspected by a third party and deemed safe to do so. Even then, Line 5 should only be used as an emergency based conduit of said crude oil products.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the independent study should be shared with all concerned residents and published in a variety of publications.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin and Chairman Shackleton

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDING GROUNDS AND JAIL, LEGISLATIVE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Commissioner Johnson Chair ó June 30, 2016

Having no action items, it was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McLean to accept the Building Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and Information Technology Minutes of June 30, 2016 as presented. A discussion followed concerning the courthouse roof repairs and maintaining the integrity of the building as much as possible. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Martin Chairman ó July 7, 2016

AGENDA ITEMS

MSP-Emergency Management and Homeland Security Grant - \$21,210.00 - Approve

The Committee reviewed the Michigan State Police ó Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division's Emergency Management Performance Grant for the period 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016 in the amount of \$21,210.00. The 2016 EMPG allocation is 35.6931% of the Subrecipient's emergency program manager's salary and fringe benefits. The FY2016 EMPG program has a 50% cost match (cash

or in-kind) requirement.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept and approve the MSP-Emergency Management Performance Grant allocation of \$21,210.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FY17 Liquor Tax Funds Request – NorthCare Network – Approve & Authorize

The Committee reviewed the letter from NorthCare Network, regarding its Substance Use Disorder services in the Upper Peninsula, including prevention, recovery and treatment services in Chippewa County funded with a portion of the liquor tax monies received from the County. NorthCare is seeking a renewal request for FY17 for services; the approved amount from FY16 was \$163,521. The Committee briefly discussed Liquor Tax Funds, with regards to a change in the formula and proceeds paying for COBO Hall.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve and authorize renewal of FY17, to match the FY16 level of at a minimum \$163,521 for services provided by NorthCare Network and following the Substance Use Disorder services policies. A discussion followed which included concerns, that when this fund disappears, there will still be a need for drug prevention treatment. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

2016 Officer Delegate Certification Form – Authorize Administration

The Committee was asked by Administration for authorization to appoint the Administrator or the Deputy Administrator as the Officer Delegate for the MERS Annual Conference being held in September. Attendance will be based on the agenda of the conference.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to authorize Administration to determine the 2016 Officer Delegate for the September MERS Annual Conference. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Approve Quotations from Positive Energy and waive County Purchasing Policy

The Committee reviewed the County Building (325 Court Street) quote. This quote included 400+ lights, once upgraded a four year return is expected based upon estimated savings. There is also a \$6,712 potential rebate.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the quote for the Chippewa County Building (325 Court Street) Lighting from Positive Energy at the cost of \$39,005.90, with an approximate four year return on the change, with an estimated rebate of \$6,712.00, and to waive the County Purchasing Policy. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

Health Care – Medicare Advantage change for Employees & Retirees – Select & Approve

The Committee was updated on the proposed change for Chippewa County Retirees and their dependents to Medicare Advantage. Documentation has been provided to all employees and retirees, so that questions could be answered. Two meetings were offered for all to attend with a Blue Cross Blue Shield Representative to go over the plan. Medicare Advantage should enhance the current coverages for the employees, save money at the County level, with one exception on specific specialty prescriptions.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to formally approve the County's switching to the BC/BS Medicare Advantage plan effective January 1, 2017. 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 June bills and payroll as follows: general claims totaling \$357,279.03, other fund claims of \$756,580.22, payroll \$442,047.30, Health Department claims of \$474,698.80; for total claims of \$2,030,605.35 and vouchers H-1 through H-288. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Audit Amendments – Beginning Fund Balances to Audit

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner McLean, to approve the beginning fund balances as presented from the FY2015 Audit. On a voice vote, the motion was carried. *(See attached)*

Budget Amendments

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the budget amendments as presented for FY2016. On a voice vote, the motion was carried. *(See attached)*

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Mclean to accept the July 7, 2016 Finance Claims and Accounts minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL COMMENTS

- Commissioner Martin announced that the U.P. Commissioner meeting is coming to Bay Mills in Mid-October in hopes that everyone can attend together with their friends in Mackinac, Luce and Schoolcraft County.
- Commissioner Egan suggested that an Internal Control Audit, in his opinion, is something that can benefit the county. He indicated this is something that we need to look into, as to the costs and the benefits.
- Commissioner McLean referenced the shooting of two bailiffs and others injured in St. Joseph, MI - Berrien County Courthouse, and expressed his concerns with security in the Circuit Court.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman