

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Organizational Meeting
January 2, 2017

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. for their Organizational meeting in the 91st District Courtroom.

Present: Commissioners Conor Egan, Jim Martin, Don McLean, Robert Savoie and Scott Shackleton

Also Present: James Traynor, Richard Timmer, Julie Timmer, George Kinsella, Jim Moore, Lana Forrest, Karen Senkus, Clayton McGahey, Scott Brand, Sherriff Mike Bitnar, Treasurer Marjorie Hank, Tom Farnquist, Michelle Robbins, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

The clerk called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

The Oath of Office was given by County Clerk Maleport to all the Commissioners.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

The County Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chairman.

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

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Shackleton was re-elected as Chairman for the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

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

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to nominate Commissioner McLean as Vice-Chair. Chairman Shackleton called for additional nominations and none were forthcoming.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Don McLean as Vice Chairman. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

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

Nays: None

Commissioner McLean was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the agenda as submitted with one addition - Number 10, Commissioners Comments. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No public comments were offered.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution to Dissolve the Board of Health and By-laws

Chairman Shackleton indicated that if this is approved it would operationally make the Health Department more like any other department of the county.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to dissolve the Board of Health and By-laws and approve Resolution No. 17-01 as presented below.

A discussion followed with Commissioner McLean stating that he believes this matter should have been taken up at a workshop. He suggested that they keep that in mind, when they move forward with decisions of this magnitude.

Commissioner Savoie communicated that he believes less government is better and that they have to get a financial handle on the situation. We have an opportunity to eliminate a whole layer of government and in doing so we can save \$20,000 to \$25,000 that we're paying the Health Board. He went on to say, we can have direct accountability, a better line of communication, and hopefully provide more services with the money that we save.

Commissioner Martin stated Commissioner Mclean is absolutely correct, this could have probably been done better; but, he is looking at all their deficit. He explained that this isn't something we could kick down the road, for even another month, this had to happen. There is no way the health department can survive the way they're going. He went on to say both Commissioner Savoie and Commissioner McLean had very valid points; this is just the way it came about.

Chairman Shackleton explained that he felt that there was a lot of informal conversation over the last couple months that brought this on to the agenda. He indicated Commissioners always have an opportunity to debate it now, and to vote on it. He advised he would keep Commissioner McLean's concerns in mind as we move forward as well, to make sure that's addressed.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-01

RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE AND REVOKE THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND ITS BYLAWS

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Chippewa County board of Commissioners to dissolve the current structure of the Board of Health, revoke the Bylaws of said Board of Health, and assume all duties, responsibilities, and continued operations of the Board of Health, and

WHEREAS, in all relevant operations and documentation, including but not limited to the Chippewa County Health Department policies and procedures, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners will have oversight, employer, and/or controlling interest in place of the Board of Health, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners expresses its appreciation to the members of the Board of Health, both past and present, for their efforts and achievements while serving as a Board of Health member, and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners acknowledges that the Chippewa County Health Department are mandated by law to maintain the health of county residents, prevent disease, and protect individuals from environmental hazards, and

DOES FURTHERMORE PLEDGE to maintain the Mission Statement of the Board of Health, which is: "To contribute to the present and future health of persons residing, visiting and working in our service areas by direct provision of services; by facilitating the delivery of services provided by others; and by monitoring and regulating activities that may have impact on the health of these communities."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 2, 2017, the Board of Health is dissolved, its Bylaws revoked, and all of its duties, responsibilities, and continued operations transferred to the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners as that responsibility and oversight including but not limited to management of personnel and programming is permanently returned to the Chippewa county Board of Commissioners.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

B. County Health Department's Annual Policy Review

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve the County Health Department's Annual Policy Review. On a voice vote, the motion carried. (*See attached Exhibit A*)

C. County Health Department's Mission Statement Review

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the County Health Department's Mission Statement. On a voice vote, the motion carried. (*See attached Exhibit B*)

D. County Health Department's Organizational Chart Review

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the County Health Department's Organizational Chart Review. On a voice vote, the motion carried. (*See attached Exhibit C*)

E. County Health Department Citation Radar Road waive staff fees request from Central Savings Bank (\$8,005.37 of \$15,530.79)

Chairman Shackleton indicated that this is regarding property on Radar Road that had a septic tank catastrophic failure. The Health Department went out and had direct staff costs in

addressing this issue, making the site safe and secure. He went on to say that Central Savings Bank holds a mortgage on that property and the owner is looking to sell it. The bank has requested that we reduce the staff fee by 50%. Mr. Meister has assured him that the transfer is going to a responsible property owner that is going to improve the property.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to reduce the staff fee by 50% contingent on the property changing hands within 90 days and that all property taxes are paid upon closing. A discussion followed.

It was the consensus of the Board that it's in everyone's best interest to get it back on the tax rolls and put the property in production and part of the community.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

F. BOARD OF HEALTH FROM 12-22-2016

1) Approve the December Claims and Accounts - \$479,528.23

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the December Board of Health Claims and Accounts. On a voice vote, the motion carried. (*See Exhibit D*)

2) Hospice Self Pay Referrals

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to table this item. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

3) Approve the write-off of Personal Health accounts - \$2,569.67.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the write-off of Personal Health accounts in the amount of \$2,569.67. On a voice vote, the motion carried. (*See Exhibit E*)

4) Approve the non-waiver for travel vaccine fee as requested.

Chairman Shackleton indicated that a staff member who provides the travel vaccine has requested to waive the travel vaccine education fee, for her son who will be traveling to Guatemala.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to support the request for that waiver. A discussion followed.

It was the consensus of the Board that it's sort of giving special treatment to a child because they're a child of the Health Department's employee. It is questionable precedence to be setting.

On a voice vote:

Yeas: None

Nays: Commissioners Egan, Martin, McLean, Savoie and Chairman Shackleton.

The motion failed.

G. Amend Chippewa County Recycling Committee for Chippewa County By-laws

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the amended Chippewa County Recycling Committee for Chippewa County By-laws. *(See Exhibit F)*
A discussion followed.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

H) Dissolve OES Committee (Article V, Section 8) and Update Emergency Management Resolution 94-19

Chairman Shackleton explained that the OES Committee, required in the past, three Board members. The OES *Office of Emergency Services* and 911 which is also called Central Dispatch meet at the same time. He explained that he had asked Ms. Church to check with the department head at 911 and OES about reducing the number of members. Ms. Church came back with a recommendation to dissolve the OES Board, that many other counties do not have one. Ms. Church has assured him, that operationally it's not going to change anything. We will continue to have 911.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to dissolve the OES Committee and approve the Resolution No. 17-02 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-02

RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE AND REVOKE THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners to dissolve the current structure of the Office of Emergency Services Committee, revoke the Bylaws of said Office of Emergency Services Committee, and assume all duties, responsibilities, and continued operations of the Office of Emergency Services, and

WHEREAS, in all relevant operations and documentation, including but not limited to the Chippewa County Office of Emergency Services Committee policies and procedures, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners will have oversight, employer and/or controlling interest in place of the Office of Emergency Services Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners expresses its appreciation to the members of the Office of Emergency Services Committees, both past and present, for their efforts and achievements while serving as members, and

DOES FURTHERORE PLEDGE to maintain Emergency Management Resolution 94-19, replacing “Office of Emergency Services Committee” with Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, as needed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that effective January 2, 2017, the Office of Emergency Services Committee is dissolved, its Bylaws revoked, and all of its duties, responsibilities, and continued operations transferred to the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners as that responsibility and oversight including but not limited to management of personnel and programming is permanently returned to the Chippewa county Board of Commissioners.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Nays None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

I Appointment to Various Boards, Committees and Agencies.

Chippewa County Building Authority – 2 appointments – *expires 12-31-2017*
Current Members: James Traynor and Nicholas Huyck.

Candidates: Earl Kay, Clayton McGahey, Ronald Meister and James Traynor

On a roll call vote:

Commissioner Egan – James Traynor
Commissioner Martin – James Traynor
Commissioner McLean – James Traynor
Commissioner Savoie – James Traynor
Chairman Shackleton – James Traynor

Having two positions to fill, an additional roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Egan - Clayton McGahey
Commissioner Martin – Earl Kay
Commissioner McLean – Earl Kay
Commissioner Savoie – Earl Kay
Chairman Shackleton – Clayton McGahey

James Traynor and Earl Kay were appointed to the Chippewa County Building Authority Board for a term to expire 12/31/2017.

Building Code of Appeals - 3 appointments – expires 12/31/2018

Current members: Kathy Cairns, Joan Marie Roney and Samuel White

Candidates: Kathy Cairns, Clayton McGahey and Samuel White

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to cast a unanimous ballot for the three applicants, Kathy Cairns, Clayton McGahey and Samuel White to the Building Code of Appeals Board to expire 12/31/2018. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Department of Health & Human Services – 1 Appointment, expires 12/31/2019

Current member: John Kibble

Candidates: John Kibble, Peggy Starr and Kevin White

On a roll call vote:

Commissioner Egan – John Kibble
Commissioner Martin – John Kibble
Commissioner McLean – Kevin White
Commissioner Savoie – John Kibble
Chairman Shackleton – John Kibble

John Kibble having received the majority vote was re-appointed to the Department of Health & Human Services Board for a term to expire 12/31/2019.

Department of Veterans Affairs – 1 appointment, expires 3/31/2021

Current Member: Nicholas Huyck

Candidates: Don Cooper, Nicholas Huyck and Travis Rondeau

On a roll call vote:

Commissioner Egan – Nicholas Huyck

Commissioner Martin – Nicholas Huyck

Commissioner McLean – Nicholas Huyck

Commissioner Savoie – Don Cooper

Chairman Shackleton - Don Cooper

Nicholas Huyck having received the majority of the votes was reappointed to the Department of Veterans Affairs Board for a term to expire 3/31/2021.

Economic Development Corporation – 1 appointment, expires 3/31/2023

Current member: Richard Brawley

Candidates: Richard Brawley, Bradley Ormsbee, James Raffaele and Kevin White

On a roll call vote:

Commissioner Egan – Richard Brawley

Commissioner Martin – Richard Brawley

Commissioner Mclean – Richard Brawley

Commissioner Savoie – Richard Brawley

Chairman Shackleton - Richard Brawley

Richard Brawley was reappointed to the Economic Development Corporation Board for a term to expire 3/31/2023.

E 9-1-1 Board - One appointment, expires 12/31/2018

Current member: George Kinsella

Candidates: Norman Jahn, Earl Kay, George Kinsella and James Traynor

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Round 1

Commissioner Egan – George Kinsella
Commissioner Martin – Earl Kay
Commissioner McLean – George Kinsella
Commissioner Savoie – James Traynor
Chairman Shackleton - Earl Kay

Round 2 narrowed down to two

Commissioner Egan – George Kinsella
Commissioner Martin – Earl Kay
Commissioner McLean – George Kinsella
Commissioner Savoie - Earl Kay
Chairman Shackleton - Earl Kay

Earl Kay having received the majority of votes was appointed to the E 9-1-1 Board for a term to expire 12/31/2018.

Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board - 1 appointment, expires: 3/31/2020

Current member: Kathy Cairns

Candidates: Kathy Cairns, Ronald Meister, Jim Moore and Robin Lynne Savoie

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Round 1

Commissioner Egan – Kathy Cairns
Commissioner Martin – Ron Meister
Commissioner McLean – Jim Moore
Commissioner Savoie – Jim Moore
Chairman Shackleton - Ron Meister

Round 2 narrowed down to two

Commissioner Egan – Ron Meister
Commissioner Martin – Ron Meister
Commissioner McLean – Jim Moore
Commissioner Savoie - Jim Moore
Chairman Shackleton – Ron Meister

Ron Meister having received the majority of votes was appointed to the Hiawatha behavioral Health Board for a term to expire 3/31/2020.

Jury Commission – 1 appointment, expires 4/30/2023

Current member: Marjean Roe

Candidates: Norman Jahn, Sandra Rink and Marjean Roe

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Round 1

Commissioner Egan – Norman Jahn
Commissioner Martin – Norman Jahn

Round 2 narrowed down to two

Commissioner Egan – Norman Jahn
Commissioner Martin – Norman Jahn

Commissioner McLean – Sandra Rink
Commissioner Savoie – Marjean Roe
Chairman Shackleton - Marjean Roe

Commissioner McLean – Marjean Roe
Commissioner Savoie – Marjean Roe
Chairman Shackleton - Marjean Roe

Marjean Roe having received the majority votes in round two was reappointed to the Jury Board for a term to expire: 4/30/2023.

Road Commission – 1 appointment, expires 12/31/2022

Current member: Richard Timmer

Candidates: Richard Timmer, Anthony Stackpoole and James Traynor

On a roll call vote:

Commissioner Egan – Richard Timmer
Commissioner Martin – Richard Timmer
Commissioner McLean – Richard Timmer
Commissioner Savoie – Richard Timmer
Chairman Shackleton - Richard Timmer

Richard Timmer was reappointed to the Chippewa County Road Commission Board for a term to expire: 12/31/2022.

Substance Abuse Disorder Policy Board – 1 appointment, expires 7/30/2020

Current member Jim Moore

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to cast a unanimous ballot for Jim Moore to be reappointed to the Substance Abuse Policy Board. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Jim Moore was reappointed to the Substance Abuse Disorder Policy Board for a term to expire 7/30/2020.

Superior District Library Board – 1 appointment, expires 12/31/2019

Current member Karen McClenny

Candidates: Nancy Berkompas, Karen McClenny and Sandra Rink

On a roll call vote:

Commissioner Egan – Sandra Rink
Commissioner Martin – Karen McClenny

Commissioner McLean – Karen McClenny
Commissioner Savoie – Nancy Berkompas
Chairman Shackleton - Karen McClenny

Karen McClenny having received the majority of votes was re-appointed to the Superior District Library Board for a term to expire 12/31/2019.

E.U.P. Transportation Authority Board – 1 appointment, expires 12/31/2019

Current member: Ted Postula

Candidates: Conor Egan, Nicholas Huyck, George Kinsella, Clayton McGahey, Bradley Ormsbee and Ted Postula

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Round 1

Commissioner Egan – Conor Egan
Commissioner Martin – George Kinsella
Commissioner McLean – Conor Egan
Commissioner Savoie – Ted Postula
Chairman Shackleton - Ted Postula

Round 2 narrowed down to two

Commissioner Egan – Conor Egan
Commissioner Martin – Conor Egan
Commissioner McLean – Conor Egan
Commissioner Savoie – Ted Postula
Chairman Shackleton – Ted Postula

Commissioner Conor Egan having received the majority of votes in round two was appointed to the E.U.P. Transportation Authority Board for a term to expire 12/31/2019.

War Memorial Hospital Board – 1 appointment, expires 12/31/2020

Current Member: Ted Postula

Candidates: Conor Egan, Raymond Johnson, Ronald Meister, Bradley Ormsbee, Ted Postula and Kevin White

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Round 1

Commissioner Egan – Ron Meister
Commissioner Martin – Raymond Johnson
Commissioner McLean – Raymond Johnson
Commissioner Savoie – Ted Postula

Round 2 – narrowed down to two

Commissioner Egan – Raymond Johnson
Commissioner Martin – Raymond Johnson
Commissioner McLean -Raymond Johnson
Commissioner Savoie – Ted Postula

Chairman Shackleton – Ted Postula

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Having received the majority, Raymond Johnson was appointed to the War Memorial Hospital Board, for a term to expire 12-31-2020.

It was noted that the War Memorial Hospital appointment is a nominating/recommendation process. The Hospital Board makes the final decision, on the nomination, at their meeting.

CHAIRMAN’S APPOINTMENTS

Board of Public Works – Term of Office

All Commissioners

Community Action Agency (includes Small Cities)

Term of Office

Commissioner Egan

Term of Office

Commissioner McLean

City/County Township Liaison Committee

Term of Office - city

Commissioner Martin

Term of Office – city

Commissioner Shackleton

Term of Office – county/township

Commissioner Egan, Commissioner McLean, and Commissioner Savoie

Department of Veterans Affairs Liaison:

Term of Office

Commissioner Savoie

Prison Liaison: (Commissioners and/or Administrator)

Term of Office

Commissioner McLean

Term of Office

Jim German

Upward Talent Council (EUP/Michigan Works):

Term of Office

Commissioner McLean

Term of Office (alternate)

Commissioner Egan

Chippewa County Recycling Committee: (All Term of Office)

Board Chair

Scott Shackleton

County Administrator

Jim German

Commissioner Martin

Regional Planning and Development:

Term of Office Commissioner McLean
Term of Office *alternate* Commissioner Egan

Eastern U.P. Regional Trails Consortium Representative Commissioner Egan

Central Dispatch Board of Directors:

Term of Office Commissioner Savoie
County Administrator Jim German

UPCAP

Term of Office Commissioner McLean

UP RC&D

Term of Office Administrator Jim German

Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program Commissioner Martin

County Commission Committees (All Term of Office)

Finance

All County Commission Members, Chairman Martin, Vice-Chair McLean

Building, Grounds and Jail/Legislative and Natural Resources/Information Technology

Chairman Robert Savoie, Commissioner Martin and Commissioner McLean

Personnel/Equalization and Apportionment/Transportation /Health and Social Services

Chairman Conor Egan, Commissioner Scott Shackleton and Commissioner Savoie

MEETING SCHEDULE AND TIMES AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to accept the 2017 Holiday schedule as follows:

Monday, January 2, 2017 – New Year’s Day
Monday, January 16, 2017 – Martin Luther King Day
Monday, February 20, 2017 – President’s Day
Friday, April 14, 2017 – Close at Noon – Good Friday

Monday, May 29, 2017 – Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4, 2017 – Independence Day
Monday, September 4, 2017 – Labor Day
Friday, November 10, 2017 – Veterans Day
Thursday, November 23, 2017 – Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 24, 2017 – Day after Thanksgiving
Friday, December 22, 2017 – Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25, 2017 – Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25, 2017 Christmas Day
Tuesday December 26, 2017 – Day after Christmas
Monday, January 1, 2018 – New Year’s Eve
Tuesday, January 2, 2018 Day after New Year’s Day

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the 2017 Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting Schedule and the 2017 Finance, Claims and Accounts Meetings schedule as follows:

2017 Chippewa County Board of Commissioner Regular Board Meeting Schedule

February 13, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
March 13, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
April 10, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
May 8, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
June 12, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.
July 10, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.
August 14, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.
September 11, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
October 9, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
November 13, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
December 18, 2017 – 5:30 p.m. (Third Monday)

2017 Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee Meetings

February 9, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
March 9, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
April 6, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
May 4, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

June 8, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
July 6, 2017- 2:00 p.m.
August 10, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.
September 7, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
October 5, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
November 9, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.
December 14, 2017 – 5:30 p.m. (Third Thursday)

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COUNTY BY-LAWS AND RULE OF PROCEDURE

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to accept the County Board’s Policy No. 101 Bylaws and Rules of Procedure. *(See Exhibit G)*

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

MDOC AND CHIPPEWA COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Michigan Department of Corrections and Chippewa County and Chippewa County Animal Control. A discussion followed which included a liability issue.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVE RENEWAL OF MEDICAL DIRECTORS MALPRACTICE COVERAGE

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve the renewal of the Medical Directors Malpractice coverage. On a voice vote, the motion carried. *(See Exhibit H)*

DSTECH MASTER SERVICE AGREEMENT – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie to accept the DSTech Master Service agreement as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. *(See Exhibit I)*

COMMISSIONERS REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL
COMMENTS

- Commissioner McLean expressed his concerns of operating with five Commissioners instead of seven and the problems it has created. He also indicated that when the Board makes changes, as they did today, it would be best handled in a workshop where all the Commissioners could be part of the discussion.
- Commissioner Egan stated that he plans on resigning from Hiawatha Behavioral Health, effective February 2017, due to time constraints and some other issues. He indicated that is something we need to prepare for, and that he plans on attending their January meeting.
- The Board accepted Commissioner Egan's resignation from the Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board effective February 1st, 2017.
- Commissioner Egan noted that he would like to see another Commissioner join that Board as it would benefit from a Commissioner's guiding hand.
- Commissioner Savoie noted that he has received a lot of feedback, that he is against the Health Department, and wanted to make it clear that he is not. The Health Department is a very important service to our community. He indicated his intentions are that if we can get their finances on track, the same as all of the other Departments; hopefully, we can give every employee a raise in the county, including the Health Department.
- Commissioner Martin referenced a flyer concerning the Medical Examiner and the gift of life organ transplant. He suggested that the Board further explore this issue with our Medical Examiner and our County Administrator. He indicated that it appears to be no cost to the county, but it would have to be further examined. If we can help save a life, even one, it's certainly something we should do.
- Chairman Shackleton communicated that the meeting, that we have every year that makes appointments to Boards and Committees, is probably one of the toughest meetings we have. The reason why is you're voting on good people in our community who are willing to serve. It is hard because you want to give everybody a position who wants to serve, but it's not possible. We're very fortunate that we have a lot of people who are willing to serve. The wisdom and caring about this community does not begin

and end with the County Board; it is the people in our community who are serving on all these boards in various capacities that care about our community.

Wishing everyone a Happy New year, and having completed the agenda items; it was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman

