

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
February 8, 2016

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 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, Jim and Michelle Traynor, Chippewa County Treasurer Margie Hank, Maria Lee Brown, Kristina Dennison, Kaylynn Cairns, Robert West, 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 Johnson, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Regular Board ó December 21,2015
- Public Hearing ó December 21, 2015
- Organizational Meeting ó January 4, 2016

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, 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

- Robert West, District Ranger of the Sault Sainte Marie and St. Ignace Districts of the U.S Forest Service appeared before the Board to introduce himself and provide his contact information. He informed the Commission of grant opportunities, noting that he is available at any time to answer any questions they may have.
- Kalen Cairns, teen sexual violence prevention educator for the Diane Pepler Resource center appeared before the Board and provided information on their prevention efforts here in Chippewa, Mackinac and Luce County.

Administrator’s Report – Given for informational purposes only ó *no action items*.

OLD BUSINESS

A) County Board Policy No. 101 – Bylaws and Rules Procedure

Chairman Shackleton explained that this had been tabled at the previous meeting to inquire into the various boards and agencies about the possibility of commissioners’ terms of office being aligned with their positions. Chairman Shackleton called upon Administrator German to provide an update. Mr. German stated that he contacted all four of the agencies, *Economic Development Corporation, Hiawatha Behavioral Health, War Memorial Hospital Board and the Eastern, and the Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority* noting that it was expressed both verbally and in written opinions, three out of those four agencies were not willing to change their position for the county because of conflicts with their bylaws. The Economic Development Authority however, was and it would be up to the commission to decide how to appoint the EDC person.

A discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan to adopt the county board policy 101 bylaws rules and procedures with one change as follows:

- The Economic Development Corporation appointment will be aligned with a County Commissioner’s term of office. This would include the previous change of appointments being January 1.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

B) Board Appointment – Department of Veterans’ Affairs recommended James Shogren for a term to expire March 31, 2020.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to accept the recommendation of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs and appoint James Shogren for a term to expire March 31, 2020. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution 16-02

as follows:

A) Resolution 16-02 Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Proclamation

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution 16-02 as follows:

**16-02
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH, February 2016
A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, females between the ages 16-24 are more vulnerable to intimate partner violence, experiencing abuse at a rate almost triple the national average; and

WHEREAS, one in three adolescent girls in the United States is a victim of physical, emotional or verbal abuse from a dating partner, a figure that far exceeds victimization rates for other types of violence affecting youth; and

WHEREAS, high school students who experience physical violence in a dating relationship are more likely to use drugs and alcohol, are at greater risk of suicide and are much more likely to carry patterns of abuse into future relationships; and

WHEREAS, young people victimized by a dating partner are more likely to engage in risky sexual behavior and unhealthy dieting behaviors and the experience may disrupt normal development of self-esteem and body image; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of teens who experience dating violence report that incidents of abuse took place in a school building or on school grounds; and

WHEREAS, only 33% of teens who are in an abusive relationship ever tell anyone about the abuse, and 81% of parents surveyed either believe teen dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is one; and

WHEREAS, by providing young people with education about healthy relationships and relationship skills and by changing attitudes that support violence, we recognize that dating violence can be prevented; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to raise community awareness and to provide training for teachers, counselors and school staff so that they may recognize when youth are exhibiting signs of dating violence; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit young people, their families, schools and communities regardless of socioeconomic status, gender, sexual orientation or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, everyone has the right to a safe and healthy relationship and to be free from abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2016, Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, throughout Chippewa County. We urge all Chippewa County residents to work toward ending teen dating violence by empowering young people to develop healthier relationships, assisting victims in accessing the information and supportive services they need, creating better and more resources for young people in need, instituting effective intervention and prevention policies in schools and engaging in discussions with family members and peers to promote awareness and prevention of the quiet epidemic of teen dating violence.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

Nays: None.

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

B) Resolution 16-03 Appreciation and Recognition of Trooper F/Lt. David Hopper

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to adopt Resolution 16-03 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-03

**RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION
OF TROOPER F/LT. DAVID HOPPER**

WHEREAS, *F/Lt. David Hopper* was accepted and graduated from the Michigan State Police 101st Recruit School; as well as the 1969 Salutatorian of the Brimley High School Class of 1969; spending his whole MSP career in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, *F/Lt. David Hopper* has worked diligently and tirelessly at upholding and exemplifying the highly professional image of the Michigan State Police; *F/Lt. David Hopper's* work ethic, his integrity and his attention to detail have earned him the highest regard by all his fellow Troopers, his peers and his supervisors; and

WHEREAS, *F/Lt. David Hopper* will retire from service with the Michigan State Police, effective March 12, 2016 for over 29 years of service to the Michigan State Police, having served Manistique, Newberry, St. Ignace and Sault Ste. Marie Posts during his years of service; and

WHEREAS, *F/Lt. David Hopper* during his career received many accolades and obtained many accomplishments including: Advanced Accident Investigator, Evidence Technician, Post Community Services Officer, Field Training Officer, Newberry Post Trooper of the year, 1993; MSPP Firearms Instructor, LSSU Criminal Justice Instructor, First MSP Mentoring Program, Acting Post Commander, Defensive Tactics Instructor and Pressure Point Control Tactics Instructor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank ***F/Lt. David Hopper*** for his many years of public service with the State of Michigan and especially for his work in Chippewa County.
2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends their best wishes to ***F/Lt. David Hopper*** for many years of enjoyment in his retirement.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

C) Resolution 16-04 Appreciation and Special Recognition of Kathy Jones Loup.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to adopt resulting 16-04 as follows.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-04

RESOLUITON IN APPRECIATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION
OF KATHY JONES LOUP

WHEREAS, *Kathy Jones Loup* began her career with Chippewa County Equalization Office in January of 1999 and will be retiring effective February 29, 2016, and

WHEREAS, *Kathy Jones Loup* will retire from service with Chippewa county, after sixteen (16) plus years of service; and

WHEREAS, *Kathy Jones Loup* has worked diligently and tirelessly at securing and verifying Chippewa County property information and completing studies with a high professional image of the Chippewa County's Equalization Department; and

WHEREAS, *Kathy Jones Loup's* work ethic, her reliability and her attention to detail have earned her the highest regard by her supervisor, co-workers, citizens of the county and her peers; and

WHEREAS, *Kathy Jones Loup* during her career with Chippewa County's Equalization Department has assisted 100's of residents with property questions and she helped establish equalized values for all County owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank ***Kathy Jones Loup*** for her many years of public service with the County of Chippewa.
2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends their best wishes to ***Kathy Jones Loup*** for many years of enjoyment in her retirement.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

**Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation, and
Health and Social Services Committee**

Commissioner Egan Chairman ó January 14, 2016

Agenda Items

Equalization Resignation

The Committee was presented a letter of retirement from Kathy Loup. The Committee thanked her for her many years of service. Ms. Kennedy explained the problems of training several staff at this time of year.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve the retirement of Kathy Loup effective February 29th, 2016 and allow the Administrator and Equalization Director to fill the vacancy within 120 days per the contract, at their discretion using some overtime but not going over the 2016 Equalization budget on salaries. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Drug Court

Circuit Court Administrator Tina Ojala requested a replacement for the person that was in the Drug Court position as the current person had left as the contract was terminated.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to post and hire a new Drug Court Coordinator. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Prosecutor's Office Resignation and Hire.

It was noted that Eliza Stover Legal Secretary II had put in her letter to resign effective February 11th, 2016. The Committee thanked her for her dedication and her hard work on the Imagesoft project.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to accept the resignation

of Eliza Stover as Legal Secretary II effective February 11th, 2016 and post and hire the position.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to amend the motion to reflect the resignation date of February 5th, 2016 as Ms. Stover gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Jail Resignation

It was noted that Jeff Perry turned in his resignation as a Corrections Officer effective January 31st, 2016.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to accept the resignation of Jeff Perry and hire another full time Corrections Officer. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Central Dispatch Resignation and Re-Assignments

It was noted that Dispatcher Daryl Meyette will be resigning January 30th, 2016.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to accept the resignation of Daryl Meyette effective January 30, 2016 and fill the full time position with part timer, Christopher Huntley and fill the vacant part time position with health care with part timer Kiley Thompson, both effective 1/17/2016. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation and Health and Social Services Committee minutes of January 14, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

BUILDINGS GROUNDS AND JAIL, LEGISLATIVE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Commissioner Johnson Chairman ó February 2, 2016

Agenda Items

Letter of Support for a National Marine Sanctuary

A presentation took place on letter of support for a National Marine Sanctuary. A letter of support was requested by the Shipwreck Historical Society for their application to NOAA. A discussion ensued.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to provide a letter of support for a National Marine Sanctuary off of Whitefish Point and to the West. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

County Social Media

The County Administrator presented a new Facebook Page. He noted that people could comment on the articles posted.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to establish the new Facebook page. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the Building Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and Information Technology Committee meeting minute of February 2nd, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Martin Chairman 6 February 4, 2016

AGENDA ITEMS

NaCo membership - \$770

The Committee had a lengthy discussion on re-joining the National Association of Counties at the cost of \$770.00 for one year. NACo's Programs and Services offer the county unique opportunities to help residents, employees and the county to meet future needs. Commissioner Shackleton doesn't believe it is a good investment, as there is not a direct benefit of having the membership; as the County opted out in 2007, and there has been no fiduciary downfall. Commissioner McLean supports re-joining as the research that NACo does, as well as having representation in Washington D.C.; and programs that could help impact the citizens of Chippewa County including a pre-trial risk assessment, Live Healthy and Prescription Drug card. Commissioner Johnson thought the Board should try it for a year, since it's only \$770.00. Commissioner Martin wanted the benefits tracked and Commissioner Egan indicated he would like to try it and use it as a comparison to MAC.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve rejoining the National Association of Counties membership at the annual cost of \$770.00. A discussion followed. On a voice vote, the motion carried with Commissioner Shackleton voting nay.

Out of State Travel – Health Department (approve)

The Committee reviewed an out-of-state travel request from the Health Department for Nancy Miller to attend the 2016 WOCN (Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses) Conference in Montreal, Quebec, Canada at a cost of \$1,706.75. A brief discussion regarding succession training, as well as, compliments regarding work that Nancy provides.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the out-of-state travel for Nancy Miller to attend the WOCN Conference, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada at a cost not to exceed \$1,706.75. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Career Development Plan – per AFSCME Union contract (approve)

The Committee reviewed a request from the Prosecutor's Office's Franci DeCoe, regarding her Career

Development Plan, which provides \$1,200 annually per individual, this is to aid and encourage employees to complete approved educational courses which will improve their skills in their present job or to help prepare to advance to targeted positions of greater responsibility with the structure of the Employer.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve and authorize Franci DeCoe's Career Development Plan, not to exceed \$1,200 annually per the AFSCME contract. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

MSHDA – MSC-2015-0731-HO \$146,934 (approve & authorize)

The Committee reviewed the Announcement of Funding Award Grant \$MSC-2015-0731-HO. The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has approved the County's request for funds in the amount of \$146,934. These funds will be utilized in the targeted area which is Sault Ste. Marie.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the Funding Award Grant #MSC-2015-0731-HO in the amount of \$146,934, including the authorizing of the grant agreement, the legislative/Public Relations Inquiry form and the authorized signature designation form. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

RFQ-Sheriff Department Vehicles (approve to release)

The Committee reviewed the proposed RFQ which follows the last vehicle replacement for Sheriff's patrol vehicles. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the vehicle bidding process, including maintenance, compatibility of equipment, safety and training, the bidding area, as well as, including trade-ins with the process.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the release of the Sheriff Department Vehicles RFQ, including trade-ins. 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 December and January bills and payroll as follows: the general claims totaling \$603,992.15, other fund claims \$718,517.30, payroll of \$1,067,621.06, Health Department claims of \$1,118,598.85 and total claims of \$3,508,729.36 and vouchers H-1 through H-601. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the Finance Claims and Accounts Committee meeting minutes of February 4, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL
COMMENTS

- Commissioner McLean expressed his frustration with 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 the scheduled election. He provided an update noting that an injunction has been filed and approved to stop the implementation of that law. Further stating, "I hope the Federal Court prevails on this and they declare it unconstitutional."
- Commissioner Martin indicated that a substitute bill has been put forth that MAC still opposes, but he thought that it's much better than what they had.
- Chairman Shackleton provided information to the Board that he was informed that the folks that run the Eastern Upper Peninsula Food Bank are planning on closing the local distribution center and servicing this area just by truck deliveries. He indicated that a lot of the food pantries in the entire Eastern Upper Peninsula drive in there with a van or a truck, pick up food and take it back to their pantries. He announced that there is going to be a meeting February 16, at 2:00 p.m. in the Avery Center and encouraged his fellow Commissioners to attend, and help try to convince the folks from Harvest Gathering what a negative effect closing the local distribution center would have.

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 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman

