

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

February 19, 2015

A work session of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 50th Circuit Court Jury Room in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Scott Shackleton called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. and noted that this is a workshop that they do not vote or make any decisions formerly, during a workshop.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Conor Egan, Rudy Johnson, Jim Martin, Don McLean, and Scott Shackleton

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim German, County Administrator, Kelly Church, Deputy Administrator, Marjorie Hank, County Treasurer, Tim McKee, 911 Director and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

AGENDA ó No Additions or Deletions

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

The purpose of the Work Session was to discuss the goals that each of the Commissioners would like to see implemented by the County for the short and long term.

A. Goal Setting Session

Chairman Shackleton called upon Deputy Administrator, Kelly Church to describe what they did in the past goal setting workshop sessions. He also recommended that each Commissioner state what they would like to see implemented or changed.

Commissioner Martin suggested -

1. Exploring the possibility of services we can share, either cost or responsibility, with the city to help our bottom line and governmental redundancy.
2. Increasing technology access for our citizens.

Commissioner Shackleton suggested -

1. Exploring the ability of getting Wi-Fi available similar to Marquette and Traverse City.
2. Reducing travel expenses of our Commission and Ancillary Boards, using the available technology that we have today.
3. Staying in strong communication with our legislators.
4. Exploring and developing a Board of Commission Compensation Committee.

Commissioner McLean suggested ó

1. Making the courthouse available 24-7.
2. Studying funding options for parcel mapping and GIS.
3. Studying the possibility of absorbing the Health Department Administration in the County Administrator's Office.
4. Exploring the benefits of a Veterans Millage and investigate what we can do, to better assist veterans.
5. Maintaining the courthouse building starting with the roof down to the tunnel as maintenance is long overdue.
6. Investigating the possibility of cross-training courthouse clerical staff.
7. Shifting Board appointments for the Election Cycle from November/December to February/March.

Commissioner Johnson suggested ó

1. Improving or providing public awareness of our problems with Emergency Services as we are losing volunteers, and explore the benefits of centralizing it to provide the best services we can.

Commissioner Egan suggested ó

1. Developing infrastructure, especially with renewable energy.
2. Getting the next generation involved at the local level and incentivizing such.
3. Having Commissioners understand that there are different problems that the rural areas may be facing.

A discussion on a possible Drug Court yielded the consensus that in order for the Board to make any decision, they would need more information from other counties that have it, which includes: what their experience and benefits are, as well as, costs involved short- term and long-term.

The Board was in agreement to cancel the workshop scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015. A list of the suggested goals will be given to all the Commissioners so that they can rate the goals in order of priority and importance.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman