

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
March 12, 2018

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 12, 2018 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 Jim Martin, Don McLean, Robert Savoie, Chairman Scott Shackleton and Conor Egan arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Absent: None

Also Present: Joanne Galloway, Scott Brand, Jim and Michelle Traynor, Don Wilson, Maria Brown, Kerry O'Connor, Denise B., Tim Moher, Administrator Jim German, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the amended 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 Board meeting minutes of February 13, 2018 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 Savoie, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the clerk's office and, if necessary, forward as appropriate. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- JoAnne Galloway appeared before the Commission on behalf of the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote, inform, active participation of citizens in government.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A.) Chippewa County DHHS Board Resignation

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept Mr. Floyd Rabineau's resignation. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

After noting the applications received from Daniel Smith and Peggy Starr in October and November, it was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to add the new application from Christine Curtis to the applicant pool and to vote on this position at tonight's meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

(I) Hiawatha Behavioral Health One Appointment Needed to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Floyd Rabineau's resignation.

Applicants: Christine Curtis, Dan Smith and Peggy Starr

On a roll call vote:

Commissioner Martin – Peggy Starr
Commissioner McLean – Christine Curtis
Commissioner Savoie – Christine Curtis
Chairman Shackleton – Christine Curtis

Having received a majority vote, Christine Curtis was appointed to the Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board to fill the remaining term of Mr. Floyd Rabineau.

NEW BUSINESS

(A) Resolution 18-03 – Opposition to HB 5096, 5097 and 5098

Commissioner McLean explained the purpose of the Resolution and after a discussion it was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve Resolution 18-03 as follows:

RESOLUTION 18-03

***A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO MICHIGAN
HOUSE BILLS 5096, 5097 AND 5098***

WHEREAS, Michigan House Bills 5096, 5097 and 5098 seek to amend various local government statutes and the state statutes in a way that would significantly reduce the ability of local governments, county road agencies, and county drain commissions to charge adequate fees, provide safe and reasonable criteria to access public jurisdictions, and collect adequate bonding should these properties be damages and need restoration from telecommunication providers and their contractors that wish to work, install, and maintain cable, fiber optics, extended poles/antennas, towers, and power units on public properties; and

WHEREAS, the effect of these bills could force local governments, county road agencies, public works departments, and drain commissions to subsidize telecommunications

with local and Michigan Transportation funds; and

WHEREAS, as legal guardians of the public property and road right-of-way, local governments, county road agencies, and drain commissions must ensure work in their jurisdictions is performed safely, does not damage our infrastructure, and meets engineering standards (above/below ground), along with federal and state requirements; and

WHEREAS, local governments and county road agencies do not profit by issuing permits, but simply recover the costs of issuing permits, making site inspections and performing related tasks; and

WHEREAS, HB 5096 and 5097 limit fees to \$300 per permit or \$1,000 on multiple projects; and

WHEREAS, such a “one-size-fits-all” fee does not account for the type of work planned in a rural or urban setting, nor does it consider the risks a project may pose and, in general, the bills supplant engineering-based management with a “cookie-cutter” approach that puts public resources and workers at risk; and

WHEREAS, HB 5097 limits security/bonding to \$20,000 regardless of the potential risk and damage beyond that amount, rural vs. urban setting, and requires that bonds be returned within 60 days after a project is completed, even if damage is being contested; and

WHEREAS, these bills do not take into consideration the statewide ramifications and precedent that these bills would create; and

WHEREAS, while the telecommunications industry may be able to point to isolated instances of local obstacles, It is not a statewide problem.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners oppose HB 5096, 5097 and 5098 and urge State Senator Wayne Schmidt and State Representative Lee Chatfield to oppose these cost-shifting bills as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a cop of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Snyder, Senator Wayne Schmidt, Representative Lee Chatfield, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 counties.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

(B) Resolution 18-04 – Special Recognition Floyd Rabineau

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve Resolution 18-04 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-04

**RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF
FLOYD RABINEAU**

WHEREAS, Floyd Rabineau has served the citizens of Chippewa County as a Board Member of Department of Human Services; since 1971 until his recent resignation March 1, 2018; for over forty-seven years he has provided leadership and fortitude to better the services to the constituents in need; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Rabineau has advanced the goals of the Chippewa County Department of Human Services and the Community through his skilled involvement; and

WHEREAS, Floyd Rabineau has served the community for over forty-seven years, his dedication, his high performance standards, his kind friendship, his professionalism, his enthusiasm, and his inspiration to always do the right thing, has placed him in the of categories; and his many wonderful stories.

WHEREAS, Floyd Rabineau has earned the respect and gratitude of the citizens of Chippewa County through his many contributions to their safety and welfare. 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank Floyd Rabineau for his many years of public service and particularly for his leadership.
2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends their best wishes to Floyd Rabineau for many more years of good health and happiness.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

(C) Resolution 18-05 – Support of Sugar Island Ferry Service

Administration Jim German explained that when they first received the original letter from Mr. Moher that they went over it with EUPTA and the City, and found, that although it was an excellently written letter, they wanted to take a softer approach due to some concerns EUPTA had. He also noted that as of yesterday, EUPTA has agreed to bring it to their Board, and that their Director is happy with it and the City has agreed to bring it to their Board as well.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve Resolution 18-04 as follows:

**THE CITY OF SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN CITY COMMISSION
CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION OF COLLABORATIVE SUPPORT**

WHEREAS the Township of Sugar Island has supported during the winter of 2017-2018 from interruptions in essential transportation ferry services which proved the only means of access to the mainland of Chippewa County and the City of Sault Ste. Marie Michigan; and

WHEREAS Sugar Island Township, as a result of the St. Mary's River ship navigation, receives only ferry service and no other method is available for ingress and egress to the mainland for school, medical care, food, fuel, propane, and other life necessities; and

WHEREAS the Eastern Upper Peninsula is home to various governmental entities that are vested in supporting reliable and safe ferry service between Sugar Island Township and the mainland of Chippewa County, including Sugar Island Township, the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority, the U.S. Coast Guard, the U.S Army Corps of Engineers, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, and Bay Mills Indian Community; and

WHEREAS these partners can enter into further collaborations which support the sustained provision of resources necessary to ensure maximum ferry service reliability to and from Sugar Island Township and which further identify and work to resolve related issues experienced by Sugar Island Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners and its Partners hereby request that the United States of America and the State of Michigan provide increased resources as necessary to partners involved in ferry service transportation to and from Sugar Island in order to ensure maximum service reliability in essential ferry service operations.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Martin, Chairman – March 8, 2018

AGENDA ITEMS

Administration – Pitney Bowes – Postage Machine Lease - renewal

The Committee received information on our current lease ending for the Postage Machine, as of 5/28/2018; the Committee was asked to authorize a new 60 month lease, with an increased cost of \$42.00 quarterly. The unit will use the same cartridges and tapes as the current.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve and authorize a 60 month lease with Pitney Bowes for a DM400C Digital Mailing System at a quarterly cost of \$455.16. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Abilita – Telecommunications system review and recommend

The Committee reviewed Abilita's master service agreement and 36 month engagement letter which will be paid 50% of the realized savings. The Committee was advised of the continued issues with AT&T billing, and the many different lines, which we are continually trying to trace and maintain. Abilita is a third party, that works off of percentages saved, and are not a provider themselves, which should help us unravel our current contracts; these services have been recommended by DSTech.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve and authorize the Abilita Master Service Agreement and engagement letter for 36-months to provide the County with guidance in clarifying its existing contracts and agreements with AT&T; Abilita will receive and be paid 50% of the realized savings. A discussion followed. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Request for Qualifications – Employee Benefit Consultant

The Committee previously agreed to review its health benefits package provider; to give additional companies the opportunity to provide quotes. In order to be able to handle a group of the County's size and complexity of what is currently being offered. A Request for Qualifications has been drafted for the Committee's review. Any consultant can purchase the health care base plan so the qualifications were mirrored to provide that same services now, as with a new company in the future.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to release the Request for Qualifications – Employee Benefit Consultant, as presented. A discussion followed. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Committed Fund from Fund Balance

Administrator German, reviewed notes from the County audit regarding the different option to classify monies for future needed expenditures, including repairs, potential revenue losses

and outstanding expenditures. He asked that the Committee ‘Commit’ certain monies from fund balance – definition per audit Committed: This classification includes amounts that can be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the County. A discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to commit 1.65 million from the general fund balance to be used for infrastructure issues, litigation and potential corrective audit issues and capital projects. A short discussion followed. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Surveyor – 2018 Survey and Remonumentation

- The 2018 Survey and Remonumentation Grant from the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation was approved at the November 14, 2017 Commission meeting; in the amount of \$120,771 with Chippewa County contributing \$15,000 for total FY2018 project amount of \$135,771.00. Before the Committee are the contracts for the 2018 Remonumentation Program which include:
 - \$19,770 for William L. Karr, PS, Sidock Group to oversee administration
 - \$35,200 for Rogers Land Surveying to complete 22 corners
 - \$75,200 for Sidock Group to complete 47 corners, and
 - \$4,000 divided among five Peer Review Surveyor agreements
 - Peer Review Professional Surveyors:
Jeff Davis, P.S., Great Lakes Surveying;
Neil Hill, P.S., Mackinac County Land Surveying;
Erik Lewicki, P.S., Foresight Land Surveying;
Larry Rogers P.S., Rogers Land Surveying
Lawrence Weinreis, P.S., M.D.O.T.;

All the documents need to be approved and authorized for signature by the Committee.

It was moved by commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the Program Representative contract in the amount of \$19,770 for William L. Karr, PS, Sidock Group; to approve two Monumentation contracts one for \$35,200 for 22 corners to Rogers Land Surveying and another for \$75,200 for 47 corners to Sidock Group; and to approve five Professional Service Agreements for the Peer Review Surveyors, total not to exceed \$4,000 for the following Surveyors: Jeff Davis, P.S., Great Lakes Surveying; Neil Hill, P.S., Mackinac County Land surveying; Erik Lewicki, P.S.; Foresight Land Surveying, Larry Rogers, P.S., Rogers Land Surveying and Lawrence Weinreis, P.S., M.D.O.T. A short discussion followed. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Drug Court – Redwood Toxicology Laboratory – update & new services

The Committee reviewed Amendment No. 1 to the Contract by and between Chippewa County 50th Circuit Drug Court and Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc. – for Drug Court Services.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve Amendment No. 1 with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory, Inc., for additional Drug Court services. A short discussion followed. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – 2017 Annual Report

The Committee reviewed the Chippewa County Health Department – 2017 Annual Report

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve and authorize the release of the Chippewa County Health Department 2017 Annual Report. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Plan of Organization

The Committee reviewed the Chippewa County Health Department – Plan of Organization which needs approval by the Health Officer and the Chair; and is required to be submitted to MDHHS with the LHD Plan of Organization.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve and authorize signatures of the Health Officer and the Chair, for the Chippewa County Health Department Plan of Organization; to be submitted to the MDHHS. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Teamsters Local 406 Contract

The Committee was given a brief verbal review of the Teamsters negotiation, settlement and ratification. Teamsters will receive 2.5% over the next 4 year contract (1%, 1.5%, 0% & wage reopener); discussion regarding health care and retirees was brought up as the Union will not represent retirees; which led to talk of 80/20 for health care premiums; and the need to continue to work together to maintain the benefits.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the Teamsters Local 406 contract as negotiated and ratified, a 4 year contract with a 2 ½% increase over that four year span (1%, 1.5%, 0% & wage reopener). 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 Savoie, to recommend the approval of February bills and payroll as follows: the general claims totaling \$253,332.31, other fund claims \$404,704.68, payroll of \$457,975.36, Health Department claims of \$270,211.64 and Health Department payroll \$246,202.02; total claims \$1,632,426.01 and vouchers H-1 through H-259. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE – Budget Amendments – Salvage Inspection 259-000-979.000 - \$2,348.00

The Committee reviewed a request to purchase Eagle II radar from Kustoms Inc. to replace an older model which is less effective, and to authorize a budget amendment, in the amount of the cost of the radar, \$2,348.00 from the Salvage Inspection fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to authorize the purchase from Kustoms Inc. of Eagle II radar in the amount of \$2,348.00 and to approve the budget amendment. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE – Budget Amendments – Support Coordinator 101-230-957.000 - \$1,200.00

The Committee reviewed and approved Career Development Plan for Support Coordinator Franci DeCoe; per the AFSCME contract the County will appropriate \$2,400 annually; this request is for \$1,200 and to make the appropriate budget adjustment for the Career Development Plan.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to authorize the Career Development Plan for Support Coordinator Franci DeCoe, and to make the appropriate budget adjustment. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE – Budget Amendments – Sheriff Special Projects – 268-000-979.000 - \$1,004.00

The Committee was given information on a safety light in Barbeau that was replaced to keep snowmobilers away from open waters. The purchase was approved by Administration; but a budget amendment is necessary to charge 268-000-979.000 equipment line in the amount of \$1,004.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to authorize the budget amendment for 268-000-979.000 equipment line in the amount of \$1,004.00 for the purchase of the replacement solar lantern. 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 minutes of March 8, 2018 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND
GENERAL COMMENTS**

Among some of the comments were the following:

- Commissioner McLean reminded his fellow Commissioners of the upcoming UPCAP meeting in early May in hopes that at least one Commissioner would be able to attend; he suggested if no one was available to go that the Administrator, Mr. German, attend to represent the County.
- Referencing the proposed Resolution that Mr. Moher presented to the Board, Commissioner Egan noted that he sits on the EUPTA Board and that he was more than comfortable with it and that there were others on the Board that were in support of such.

Having completed the agenda items; it was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman