

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
April 11, 2016

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 11, 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 Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Absent: Commissioner Egan

Also Present: Scott Brand, Undersheriff Mike Bitnar, James Traynor, Kaylynn Cairns, Robert John Leigh, Brenda Blalock, Bradley Ormsbee, Sharon Kennedy, Register of Deeds/ Equalization Director, 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 Johnson, to approve the regular Board Meeting minutes of March 14, 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 Martin, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the Clerk's Office and, if necessary, forward to the appropriate committee. A discussion yielded the consensus to have drafts prepared or take such to the Legislative Committee, where it could be discussed more thoroughly, if so desired, reflecting the following:

- Marquette Board of Commissioners Resolution Urging State Transparency.
- Opposing HB 5016 Regulation of Public Right-of-Ways requiring one year notice from local Governments/MDOT to Licensees Under MTA

- EPA and Army Corp of Engineers Implementation for Regulation for Defined Waters of the US Under the Clean Water Act.

to be voted on at the next Board meeting or take to the Legislative Committee where it could be discussed thoroughly if so desired. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- John Lechner provided information to the Board regarding his prison stay and why he believes he was sent there for four years.
- Brad Ormsbee, on behalf of the Chippewa County Road Commission, appeared before the Board to present an update, noting the following:
 - A \$9 million bridge construction project on Sugar Island.
 - Pickford they will be re-doing Main Street almost all the way to the township park.
 - 12 Mile Road, they will be replacing the bridge, this will be the first bridge of its kind in the country.
- Dave Martin, on behalf of the Chippewa County Health Department, appeared before the Board and provided information on the Annual Rural and Ready Conference this week.
 - Wednesday April 13th topic is the transport of an Ebola patient.
 - Friday the 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. there will be an expert on school safety.
- Kaylynn Cairns, teen sexual violence educator with the Dianne Peppler Resource Center, reported that April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the Sexual Violence Prevention Team of the Easter Upper Peninsula, in conjunction with the Diane Peppler Resource Center is working to raise awareness for all victims of sexual assault. She provided statistics and asked the Commission to proclaim April as a Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Chairman Shackleton communicated to the Board, that if they would like to consider this proclamation, he suggested they consider a motion to reconsider the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to reconsider the original motion made to approve the agenda as presented.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to add to the agenda, under New Business, the Sexual Assault Proclamation.

On a voice vote, the motion carried, adding the Sexual Assault Proclamation under New Business.

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

OLD BUSINESS

A) Board Appointment – Department of Veterans’ Affairs nominees – four applications

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to accept the below referenced applications as nominees for the Department of Veteran’s Affairs. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Don Cooper
Nicholas Huyck
Robert John Leigh
Travis Rondeau

B) Three Shores CISMA – Application and MOU

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to join the Three Shores CISMA. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A) Resolution 16-07 Special Tribute Dave Jones

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution 16-07 as follows:

**RESOLUTION 16-07
SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

DAVID JONES

LET IT BE KNOWN that it is with great pride that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners join together with the residents of Chippewa County, to express their wish of good health and happiness to *DAVID JONES* upon the resignation as Chippewa County Probation Officer.

DAVID JONES started with Chippewa County on March 2, 1988 and ended his career on April 4, 2016, after completing twenty-eight years of services to the residents of Chippewa County.

DAVID JONES has provided outstanding service to Chippewa County and its juveniles along with their families spending many countless hour providing safety and justice, in helping to guide his charges as a positive role model in their lives.

DAVID JONES has served the citizens of Chippewa County, in a manner above reproach, and for this we extend our thanks.

DAVID JONES performed his duties throughout his tenure with professionalism; selflessness; his care and concern for others; a man of integrity who saw a need and followed through for the citizens of the County and surrounding area.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, therefore, upon his resignation this document is signed and dedicated to honor DAVID JONES for his professionalism, his services and his contributions to Chippewa County; the Chippewa County Board of Commissioner's along with the citizens of Chippewa County offer a gracious thank you for a job well done.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Commissioners Johnson, Martin, McLean and Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

B) Sexual Assault Proclamation

SEXUAL ASSAULT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, sexual assault affects women, children and men of all racial, cultural and economic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the immediate physical and emotional costs, sexual assault may also have associated consequences of post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, depression, homelessness, eating disorders and suicide; and

WHEREAS, sexual assault can be devastating for not only the survivor, but also for the family and friends of the survivor; and

WHEREAS, no one person, organization, agency or community can eliminate sexual assault on their own, but we can work together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent sexual assault, support victim/survivors and their significant others, and increase support for agencies providing services to victim/survivors; and

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month provides an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about preventing sexual violence;

NOW THEREFORE be it, Resolved that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of April, 2016 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Chippewa County.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Commissioners Johnson, Martin, McLean, Shackleton

Nays: None

**Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation, and
Health and Social Services Committee**
Commissioner Egan Chairman – April 6, 2016

1(a)Agenda Item: 2016 County Equalized Values.

Equalization Director Kennedy reviewed the process of arriving at equalized values, including land value, economic conditions factor, appraisal, and sales studies, the assessor and boards of review function in the process, and ultimately the role of county and state in establishing equalized value.

Ms. Kennedy went on to present the 2016 County Equalized Values. The total 2016 Equalized Value for the county is \$1,333,014,476.

She explained that the values presented on the report are the basis for completing the State required forms which must be completed and sent to the State before the end of April. The equalization process and the valuations presented were discussed in detail.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the equalized values as presented by Equalization Director Kennedy be adopted as reported and that all state required forms regarding same be completed and filed as required by statute.

Equalization Director Sharon Kennedy answered Commissioners’ questions in regard to the drop in values concerning Detour Township, Whitefish Township, and the City of Sault Sainte Marie.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

1. (b)(c)(d) Agenda Items: Tentative 2016 Tentative Taxable Values; Truth in Taxation Public Hearing; Summer Tax Roll Processing and Required Studies:

As an informational item, Equalization Director Kennedy also presented the TENTATIVE 2016 TAXABLE VALUES and explained the capped value formula as it relates to taxable values. It was explained that the county’s projected tentative taxable value is \$1,102,088,013 which is a projected increase of \$7,453,753 over the 2015 value. The final taxable values for the county will be calculated in May, after preliminary State equalization occurs and after school operating exemption

information has been provided by the local assessors. Once those taxable values are finalized, all of the Headlee calculations will be made by the director, and the county's operating millage, after a truth in taxation public hearing is held, will be determined by the County Board.

Director Kennedy reviewed the process of establishing the County's operating millage rates, the time table involved, and the necessity of holding a Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at the June 13th meeting of the County Board of Commissioners.

Director Kennedy reviewed the schedule for calculating final taxable values, Headlee fractions, millage rates and processing Tax Rolls, the steps necessary to accomplish the tasks ahead.

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson seconded by Commissioner Martin, that the information presented be accepted into the minutes and that the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing be scheduled for the June 13, 2016 meeting of the County Board, and that Director Kennedy, as soon as the necessary data is certified and compiled, submit the pertinent information to the Administrator's Office and the Board so that the hearing may proceed within the deadlines established by law.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

1(e) Other items of concern

Director Kennedy advised the Committee that Kelly Goldenbogen was welcomed to the Equalization Department on March 31, having taken the place of Staci Nelson who moved into the appraiser position, after Kathy Loup's retirement in February. The entire department is involved in the training process.

Director Kennedy also explained that beginning with 2011, the continuing education requirements for certified personnel has increased to 30 hours in a three year period in addition to specific annual mandatory class requirements. And, while she did not have a schedule of those trainings yet, when the trainings are known, staff will be scheduled for those trainings, as well as others throughout the year, as she determines is necessary and relevant to departmental functions.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that should the need arise, and at the discretion of the Equalization Director, in order to accommodate attendance at continuing education classes, with advance notification of administration, the office may be closed during those periods.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation and Health and Social Services Committee minutes of April 6, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Martin Chairman – February 4, 2016

AGENDA ITEMS

Fund 263 – Part-time Personnel & Budget amendment

The Committee was updated by Administrator German, regarding the re-hiring of part-time staff to help process Concealed Weapons Permits which are now through the Clerk's Office due to changing of the state law. Discussion included reviewing this special fund; and the part-time staff member having the appropriate background with the Michigan State Police to assist the Clerk in reviewing the applications.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the request for part-time to help review and advise the Clerk with the Concealed Weapons Permits that are issued through the Clerk's Office, to authorize the position for a year, and to review the funding at 6 months, and to include a budget amendment of \$4,500 to the salaries line. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Visiting Judge Request for June 1st through August 31st/SOM to reimburse 75%

The Committee reviewed a memo and was updated by Circuit Court Administrator Tina Ojala, with regards to covering the Courts dockets for the past four months and a plan to cover the summer months with a retired Judge. The State of Michigan has indicated that they will pay a 75% reimbursement for the County, to help off-set the monetary issue that the current circumstances are costing the County. The current expenses were reviewed, with discussion following.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the arrangement for a permanent visiting Judge for the period of June 1st through August 31st, with the State of Michigan reimbursing 75% of the cost to the County.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Request for Quotations Release – Panic Button & Intel-based Class Machine

The Committee reviewed two RFQ's that will be released one for a Panic Button/Silent Instant Notification System, which is not budgeted for but will be paid from the Building Maintenance Fund 226 and with possible funding from an MMRMA RAP grant, which the Administrator has submitted; the second is for Two Intel-based Server Class Machines & Vmware CPU License Upgrade, and is a budget item for 2016.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Mclean, to release the RFQ's as presented; one for Panic Button/Silent Instant Notification System and another for Two Intel-based Server Class Machines & Vmware CPU License Upgrade.

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 March bills and payroll as follows: the general claims totaling \$222,745.30, other fund claims \$346,894.26, payroll of \$454,850.43, Health Department claims of \$515,089.04 and total claims of \$1,539,579.03 and vouchers H-1 through H-310.

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 April 7, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL COMMENTS

- Commissioner McLean commented on Dave Jones retiring mentioning that when Dave graduated in 1988, he was the assistant principal at the High School and had worked with him for five years both at the High School and at the Junior High. Commissioner McLean went on to say that Dave was an outstanding young man and he continued in that capacity. He was extremely organized, efficient and very helpful and considerate of the kids he worked with. We were very lucky to have him for twenty-eight years.
- Chairman Johnson reported on his visit to the storage building in Kinross stating that all the equipment was very well maintained. He also commented on his visit to the animal shelter, reporting on how clean it was and lastly recognized Chairman Shackleton's Golf Course stating that he was impressed with all three visits.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman

