

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session  
February 11, 2021

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. in the 50<sup>th</sup> Circuit Courtroom.

Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via Zoom. Commissioner Savoie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Erik Baron, Ted Postula, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton, and Chairman Jim Martin

**ALSO, PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Don McLean, Prosecutor Robert Stratton, John Waltman, Greg Grant, Emil Mattson, Karen Senkus, Lana Steinhaus, Taylor Worsham, Rudy J., Deputy Administrator Kelly, Church, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to approve the following Board Meeting minutes as presented:

- Regular Board – December 17, 2020
- Organizational Meeting – January 1, 2021
- Special Board – January 20, 2021

**Public Hearings**

- FY2021 Budget – December 17, 2020
- Michigan Community Development Block Grant \$147,629 – December 17, 2020

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the clerk's office and forward as appropriate. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Mr. Don McLean appeared before the Board to bring the Commission up to date on the developments at the EDC in Kinross.
- Emil Mattson appeared before the Board to note his grievances.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Jim German - provided for informational purposes only - *no action items.*

OLD BUSINESS

**(A) Hiawatha Behavioral Health accept applicants for vacancy.**

One applicant: George Kinsella

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to waive the one month waiting period, and appoint George Kinsella to the Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board, for a term to expire 3/31/2024. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Yeas: Commissioners Baron, Postula, Savoie Shackleton, and Chairman Martin

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

**(A) Letter of Support – Helen Newberry Joy Hospital to support Eckerman Clinic**

Commissioner Shackleton noted that he is a member of the Hospital Board as is Commissioner Postula, and that he will be abstaining from this item.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to recommend this project.

A voice vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioners Baron, Savoie, and Chairman Martin

Nays: None

Abstain: Commissioners Postula and Shackleton

**The letter of support was declared adopted. (*see attached*)**

**(B) Special Tribute Resolution 2021-02 Susan Shunk**

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to adopt Resolution 2021-02 as follows:

*SPECIAL TRIBUTE  
2021-02  
SUSAN SHUNK*

***Let It Be Known***, that it is with great pride that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners join together with the employees and residents of Chippewa County, to express their wish of good

health and happiness upon her retirement.

*Susan Shunk* has served the citizens of Chippewa County in a manner above reproach, and for this we extend our thanks. Susan Shunk has provided outstanding services for the past twenty-eight plus years.

*Susan Shunk* has taken personal pride in her work with Chippewa County Health Department starting as a home health aide in 1992 and moving to accounts receivable clerk in February of 1998 and has worked hard to continue the improvements of the Health Department.

*Susan Shunk* through her persistence, her personal standards and her insight to helping her fellow co-workers and the citizens of Chippewa County.

*IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE*, therefore upon her retirement from Chippewa County Health Department, this document is signed and dedicated to honor *Susan Shunk*, for her many contributions to Chippewa County, and the individuals she served so well. We join together to extend to *Susan Shunk* a gracious thank you for a job well done, and wish her continued success in which she so richly deserves.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Erik Baron, Ted Postula, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton, and Chairman Jim Martin

NAYS: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2021

*Chairman – Commissioner Savoie*

#### AGENDA ITEMS

##### Health Department – Pink Ribbon Request 20-03

The Committee reviewed a request to distribute Pink Ribbon funds in the amount of \$93.59.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commission Postula, to approve and authorize the Pink Ribbon Request 220-03 in the amount of \$93.59. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

##### Health Department – Personnel Updates-Confirm Changes

The Committee reviewed updates from the CCHD that included contracts for interim medical directors effective until May 2021; a nurse practitioner for face-to-face hospice visits; cancellation of the current medical directors/ME contract effective March 15, 2021; filling the ME position; hiring at full-time home health & hospice MSW at \$72,000 and replacing a finance staff employee due to retirement.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to acknowledge and confirm contracts and employment changes as presented by the Health Department. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Central Dispatch**

**Colligo GIS – 2021 Map Maintenance Services - \$3,000.00**

**Motorola Solutions Annual Maintenance - \$23,152.50**

**FY2020 Operation Stonegarden – all documents \$205,000.00**

The Committee reviewed the Colligo 2021 Map Maintenance Services agreement; the Motorola annual maintenance agreement and the FY2020 Operation Stonegarden documents including the Grant agreement, subrecipient risk assessment certification, certifications regarding lobbying, standard assurances, the audit certification (EMD-053) and the required W-9 for FY20 OPSG.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to approve and authorize the Colligo GIS – 2021 Map Maintenance Services for \$3,000.00; Motorola Solutions Annual Maintenance for \$23,152.50; and the FY2020 Operation Stonegarden including all documents grant amount \$205,000.00 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Sheriff's Department – LiveScan System with CESF grant funds - \$18,744.00**

The Committee reviewed the request to purchase another LiveScan System with CESF grant funds. This additional unit will be unutilized to eliminate problems of the other being in a secured area of the jail. The total cost for the first year will be \$18,744.00 which is fully reimbursable. The maintenance contract will be \$3,495.00 thereafter; and will include lowering the maintenance contract price on the first LiveScan.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize the LiveScan System purchase from IDNetworks; at a price not to exceed \$18,744 for the first year; with CESP grant reimbursement expected. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Sheriff's Department – Replace FLIR unit with (Stonegarden funds)**

The Committee reviewed the request to replace the FLIR (*forward looking infrared*) for the Sheriff's Safe Boat; utilizing Stonegarden funds in the amount of \$13,646.75.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to approve and authorize the FLIR purchase in the amount of \$13,646.75; with Stonegarden funds. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Sheriff's Department – UC (Undercover) Vehicle**

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to waive the County's purchasing policy, and approve and authorize an expenditure of \$29,000.00 to purchase an UC Specialty vehicle as requested. On a voice vote, the motion carried

### **Sheriff – Purchase 2021 Dodge Charger (MMRMA Claim)**

The committee reviewed one bid to purchase a 2021 Dodge Charger police package vehicle; to replace the totaled 2016 Dodge Charger; the bid price of \$29,132.00 from O'Connor's Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to approve and authorize the purchase of one 2021 Dodge Charger police package vehicle from O'Connor's Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram at a price not to exceed \$29,132.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Surveyor – FY2021 Remonumentation Program**

The 2021 Survey and Remonumentation Grant from the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation was approved at the December 10, 2020 Commission meeting; in the amount of \$86,740 with Chippewa County contributing \$15,000 for a total FY2021 project amount of \$101,740.00. Before the Committee are the contracts for the 2021 Remonumentation Program which include:

- **\$20,140 for Robert Laitinen, Chippewa Co. Surveyor to oversee administration**
- **\$25,600 for Rogers Land Surveying to complete 16 corners**
- **\$25,600 for Sidock Group to complete 16 corners**
- **\$25,600 for Alpine Engineering to complete 16 corners, and**
- **\$4,800 divided among six Peer Review Surveyor agreements**

Peer Review Professional Surveyors:

Jeff Davis, P.S., Sidock Group;

Neil Hill, P.S., Mackinac Country Land Surveying;

William L. Karr, P.S., retired

Ginger L. Michalski-Wallace, P.S., Alpine Engineering;

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 Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to approve the Program Representative contract in the amount of \$20,140 for Robert Laitinen, PS, Chippewa County Surveyor; to approve three (3) Monumentation contracts each contract for \$25,600 for Rogers Land Surveying, Sidock Group and Alpine Engineering to monument 16 corners apiece; to approve six Professional Service Agreements for the Peer Review Surveyors, total not to exceed \$4,800 for the following Surveyors: Jeff Davis, P.S., Sidock Group; Neil Hill, P.S., Mackinac Country Land Surveying; William L. Karr, P.S., retired, Ginger L. Michalski-Wallace, P.S., Alpine Engineering; Larry Rogers, P.S., Rogers Land Surveying and Lawrence Weinreis, P.S., M.D.O.T.. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Administration – NorthCare Services Agreements (accept)**

**Office of Public Defender - \$5,000.00**

**50<sup>th</sup> Circuit Drug Court - \$28,000.00**

**Health Department – Safe X -Change - \$30,300.00**

**91<sup>st</sup> District Sobriety Court - \$22,500.00**

The Committee reviewed the local agreements for project approved by the NorthCare SUD Policy Board for FY21

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to accept and authorize signatures to receive monies from NorthCare as approved for the Office of Public Defender - \$5,000.00; 50<sup>th</sup> Circuit Drug Court - \$28,000.00; Health Department – Safe X-Change - \$30,300.00; and 91<sup>st</sup> District Sobriety Court - \$22,500.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Administration – Travel Requests**

The Committee reviewed the travel requests; as various trainings cannot be completed remotely; as re-certification and certifications need to be completed; particularly in the Sheriff's Department.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to approve the travel requests as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Administration – Release RFO's**

**Two – Ford Utility Police Interceptor SUV's w/trade-ins**

**Four-Wheeler (Stonegarden Funds)**

The Committee reviewed the RFQ's.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Baron, to release the RFQ's for two Ford Utility Police SUV's with trade-ins and one Four-Wheeler from Stonegarden fund as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Finance - Claims and Accounts**

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to recommend the approval of January County bills and payroll: general claims \$695,275.98 other fund claims \$1,564,152.75, payroll \$607,711.06, and Health Department claims \$574,985.36 and payroll \$102,211.47. total claims \$3,544,336.62 and to authorize expenditure for Evashevski Law Office. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to accept the Finance Claims and Accounts meeting minutes of February 4, 2021 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

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

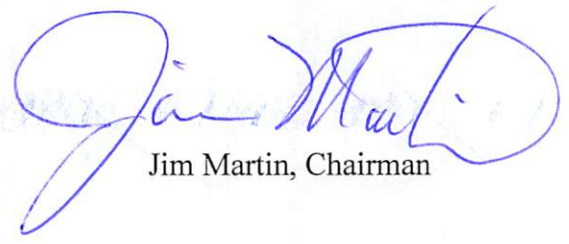
Among some of the comments were the following:

- *Commissioner Shackleton* responded to Mr. Mattson's allegations made during public comments.
- *Mr. German* also commented on Mr. Mattson's allegations.
- *Commissioner Baron* reported on a project Sugar Island Township is working on which includes a hiking trail, dock, benches along the river and picnic grounds.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine C. Maleport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "M".

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Martin". The signature is cursive and stylized, with a large initial "J" and "M".

Jim Martin, Chairman

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February 11, 2021

Hunter Nostrant, CEO  
Helen Newberry Joy Hospital  
502 W. harrie Street  
Newberry, MI 49868

Dear Mr. Nostrant:

As the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, we recognize the partnership our community has with Helen Newberry Joy Hospital and the need in our community for high quality care. The establishment of a clinic in Eckerman is important to our community and as such we are writing in support of your application to the United State Department of Agriculture ("USDA") for providing the financing for the creation of a rural health clinic located in Eckerman.

We also recognize that HNJH Administration and Board of Trustees clearly understand the distinctive healthcare needs which must be met in our rural area, and more importantly, how to meet those needs. We appreciate the enthusiasm for this project and know that the proposed clinic will provide quality medical services for generations to come.

We highly recommend this project for financing by the USDA as it considers giving its approval and assistance for both the USDA direct lending program and the USDA community facilities guaranteed loan program.

If you have any other questions or if I can help in any other way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Martin, Chairman  
Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

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