

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
December 19, 2016

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 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 Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Absent: Commissioner Egan

Also Present: Scott Brand, Evening News, Karen Senkus, Lana Forrest Chippewa County Treasurer Marjorie Hank, Robert Savoie, Jennifer France, Kristina Denison, 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 Martin, to approve the agenda with an addition of 10(b) - a Resolution for former Commissioner Rudy Johnson. 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 following minutes as presented:

- Regular Board Meeting ó November 14, 2016
- Public Hearing ó November 14, 2016 ó MEDC Grant
- Public Hearing ó November 14, 2016 ó FY2017 Budget

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. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Carol Dodson appeared before the Board to express her appreciation and to thank both Commissioner Don McLean and Administrator Jim German for their efforts they put forth in resolving a stressful situation, quickly and fairly.
- Kristina Denison appeared before the Board on behalf of the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District to invite the Commission to their annual dinner scheduled for Thursday, January 26th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. - Bruce Township Hall.

Administrator’s Report – Jim German, given for informational purposes only ó *no action items*.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Chippewa County Recycling Committee By-Law Amendments

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to table this issue until the Organizational meeting scheduled for January 2, 2017. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

B. Resolution 16-28 in Appreciation and Special Recognition of Raymond ‘Rudy’ Johnson

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin , to approve Resolution 16-28 as follows:



**RESOLUTION NO. 16-28
RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF RAYMOND
‘RUDY’ JOHNSON**

The appreciation of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, and the residents of Chippewa County, is extended to Rudy Johnson, for:

His dedicated service as Commissioner of Chippewa County, from January 2015 to December 2016.

His untiring efforts in promoting health and well-being to the citizens of Chippewa County.

His unceasingly and constant work for what he knew was the best for Chippewa County.

His commitment, reflected in the tireless pursuit for quality and the time spent on his work on various projects.

It is altogether fitting and proper that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners should honor this man, for over his term as he has honored us by his selflessness, duty, and his care and concern.

Upon on his term ending from the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County, our wish for Rudy Johnson can be no less than this: a gracious thank you in which he so richly deserves.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Mclean, Martin, and Shackleton

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

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

Chair - Commissioner Egan December 15, 2016

Agenda Items

Personnel Policy 116

The Committee received and reviewed an updated personnel policy presented by the Administrator to expedite the process of local government and save the county money.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the updated personnel policy that will show an update as of 12/19/2016 and forward it to the full Board. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Public Defender Recommendation

The Committee received a recommendation from the interview committee to hire Jennifer France as the Chief Public Defender.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to hire Jennifer France as the Chief Public Defender effective January 1st. Commissioner Martin stated that you're not going to find a more upright, ethical, harder fighter for those who cannot afford an attorney. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Temporary Pay Increase for Information Technology Staff Person

Administrator German noted that during a slow time of the year that Jenny Pierce had been cross training at CCHD. Due to a retirement there will be a vacancy at CCHD and Administration wants to see if Ms. Pierce can fill in for a few months to see how many hours are needed to fill the position. Administrator German noted that this requires a great deal of extra time and responsibility. He asked during this observation period that Ms. Pierce get a one pay grade temporary raise following policy 211. CCHD will pay for this temporary raise out of their budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve a temporary one pay grade raise for Jenny Pierce following policy 211 and paid for by CCHD. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CCHD Hire

CCHD requested to fill a RN position for the MIHP program. This is a self-sustaining position.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to hire an RN for the MIHP program at CCHD. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Resignation

Commissioner Johnson turned in his resignation to go back to work at the Road Commission. It was noted by the committee that he will be missed.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept Commissioner Johnson's resignation dated December 12th, 2016. Commissioner McLean noted with Commissioner Martin concurring that he enjoyed working with Rudy; he's championed a lot of causes and did a superb job. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to accept, the Personnel/Equalization and Apportionment/Transportation/Health and Social Services Committee meeting minutes of December 15, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Commissioner Martin

December 15, 2016

AGENDA ITEMS

Health Department Audit Proposal

The Committee reviewed the one bid proposal received to complete the Chippewa County Health Department audit for FY16, FY17 and FY18.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the quote provided by Anderson, Tackman and Company, to complete the Chippewa County Health Department Audit for FY16, FY17, and FY18, at the price of \$8,000 per fiscal year, with a total contract price of \$24,000. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

MMRMA 2017 Renewal (Net Asset Distribution/Renewal/Contribution)

The Committee reviewed the net asset distribution of \$51,163 and the proposed contribution for renewal of FY2017 for the County's Property and Liability Insurance including the Chippewa County Health Department. Due to the County's outstanding reserves within our Self-Insured Retention, the under writers have increased the County member loss fund deposit to \$50,000. Total premium for the year is proposed at \$253,171.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the net asset distribution of \$51,163 be returned for the County's loss fund and approve the renewal and contribution breakdown as presented in the amount of \$253,171 to MMRMA for the County's FY2017 Property and Liability Insurance. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Special Assessment – East Spruce - \$6,222.33 Taxes

The Committee reviewed a special assessment tax regarding parcel #051-144-200-50, 325 Court Street, and to consider paying the bill in full at the price of \$6,222.33, instead of annual payments until 2025.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve paying the City of Sault Ste. Marie special assessment tax in full for #051-144-200-50 in the amount of \$6,222.33. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

MERS – Remove Service Credit Purchase Option

MERS is requesting clarifications from municipalities regarding Service Credit Purchase Requests, a new process effective January 3, 2017 will be implemented, in order to opt out and stop potential liability to the County a *Service Credit Purchase Provision Form* so that employees will not have the opportunity to purchase service credit.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to complete the *Service Credit Purchase Provision Form* to eliminate the option for participating employees to purchase additional service credit. 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 McLean, to recommend the approval of December bills and payroll as follows: the general claims totaling \$204,472.15, other fund claims of \$397,580.74, payroll of \$451,748.55 Health Department claims of \$495,202.53; total claims

of \$1,549,003.97 and vouchers H-1 through H-306. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Budget Amendments

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the year-end budget amendments as presented. *(See Attached)* On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean to approve the Finance Claims and Accounts Meeting minutes of December 15, 2016 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD
REPRESENTATIVES AND GENERAL COMMENTS

- The Commission wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Commissioner Martin for attending the meeting.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Mclean, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman