

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session  
December 20, 2018

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 20, 2018 in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

Chairman Scott 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. Commissioner Conor Egan arrived at 5:41 p.m.

Absent: None

Also Present: Nick Nolan, Karen Senkus, Jim and Michelle Traynor, Staff Sargent Jim German, 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 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the following meeting minutes as presented:

- Regular Board – November 19, 2018
- Public Hearing – November 19, 2018

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

- No public comments were offered.

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

items.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A) Resolution 18-25 Opting Out of the Requirements of PA 152 of 2011

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to approve Resolution 18-25 as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 18-25 Resolution Opting Out of the Requirements of PA 152 of 2011**

**Whereas**, bargaining is strictly the responsibility of the county commission on behalf of the good citizens it serves; and

**Whereas**, PA 152 of 2011 erodes the responsibilities of duly elected local county commissioners and the trust held between those commissioners and their constituents; and

**Whereas**, PA 152 of 2011 constitutes an attempt by the legislature to dictate the terms on which counties bargain with their employees; and

**Whereas**, PA 152 of 2011 is a new foray by the state into dictating the terms of healthcare at the local level; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to the provisions of PA 152 of 2011, Section 8(1), Chippewa County exercises its right to opt out of the requirements of the Act for the plan year beginning January 1, 2019 by two-thirds majority vote of this Board in support of this resolution.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Commissioners Jim Martin, Don McLean, Robert Savoie and Chairman Scott Shackleton

NAYS: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

### B) Accept resignation and fill vacancy at Chippewa County EDC

Chairman Shackleton indicated they received a resignation from Kevin White. Mr. White is joining the Air Force; leaving a vacancy on the Chippewa County EDC Board. He explained that resignation is immediate and since we do have current applications, there is nothing really stopping the County Board from going ahead and making that appointment tonight.

Commissioner McLean noted that this is to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Kevin White and that there is about four years left. He further indicated that there will be an appointment made when we have our organizational meeting at the beginning of the New Year which will be for a six year term

and that is the one he is interested in.

Before taking a roll call vote, Chairman Shackleton noted that there are two available positions, one that Commissioner McLean currently occupies which expires at the end of December and he would like to be reappointed, and one due to Mr. White's resignation. The applicants are Mr. Tom Farnquist, Mr. Ron Meister and Commissioner Don McLean. This person will fill the unexpired term of Kevin White as it is presently sitting empty.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Martin:	<i>Tom Farnquist</i>
Commissioner McLean:	<i>Tom Farnquist</i>
Commissioner Savoie:	<i>Ron Meister</i>
Chairman Shackleton:	<i>Ron Meister</i>

Resulting in a tie, and before round two, Commissioner Egan arrived. Chairman Shackleton explained that they are voting to fill an open position on the County EDC Board; this position has been left open by Kevin White as he resigned a couple weeks ago. There are three current applicants, Tom Farnquist, Ron Meister, and Don McLean. Commissioner McLean asked not to be considered for this one, but be considered for the one that expires at the end of the year, which is the one that he is currently occupying.

Commissioner Egan asked if the EDC needs this position filled immediately or is this something that we can put back out and try to get additional applicants. Chairman Shackleton indicated that, this is up to the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Savoie, to put out another invitation for citizens to apply for the vacancy. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS, LEGISLATIVE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**

*Commissioner Savoie, Chairman – December 6, 2018*

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **Policy 405**

Since Medical and recreational marijuana has become legal policy 405 needed to be amended to include that marijuana will not be on the premises and employees will not be under the influence of the drug. It was also noted that security would not allow the substance in the buildings as the County will follow Federal guidelines.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the changes to policy 405. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to accept the Building Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and Information Technology Committee Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2018 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to put together a resolution asking the New Legislature to study and act appropriately on the Vaping Issue. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

*Commissioner Martin, Chairman – December 18, 2018*

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Health Department - United Way of EUP Mini-Grant \$350.00**

The Committee reviewed the United Way mini-grant awarded to the Chippewa County Health Department to help fund a health fair at the middle school in the amount of \$350.00

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept and authorize the \$350.00 mini-grant from United Way to help fund the middle school health fair. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

#### **Health Department – Medical Examiner Annual Insurance \$5,187.00**

The Committee received and reviewed the quote provided through MMRMA's bidding process for the Medical Examiner's professional liability insurance in the amount of \$5,187, which includes the flat fee, policy fee and tax.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve and authorize the Medical Examiner's annual professional liability insurance with Admiral Insurance Company in the amount of \$5,187.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

#### **Health Department – Health Resources & Services Administration – Support and MOU**

The Committee reviewed information regarding the CCHD being asked to provide support and to enter into a memorandum of understanding to participate in a regional application for federal funding which will address the opioid epidemic. CCHD is currently seeking approval to participate in the information gathering needed to apply for the grant, which is a one year planning grant. The planning grant is being offered through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for FY19 Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Planning. The purpose of the RCORP Planning is to support treatment for and prevention of substance use disorder, including opioid use disorder, in rural counties at the highest risk for substance use disorder.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve and authorize the CCHD to participate and sign into a MOU with Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to participate in the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Planning funding. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

#### **Pink Ribbon Request #18-11 - \$2,004.56**

The Committee reviewed Pink Ribbon request #18-11 in the amount of \$2,004.56.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve Pink Ribbon #18-11 in the amount of \$2,004.56. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Information Systems – Server Quotes**

The Committee reviewed quotes for a new 911 server, which is budget for the FY18 budget, Dell provided a quote that met specs with current model line-up priced at \$8,542.02; the other two quotes from ITC and MNJ did not meet specs or is a discontinued model.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to authorize the purchase for one server for 911, from Dell in the amount of \$8,542.02, as quoted. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Surveyor – Remonumentation**

The Committee reviewed Grant No. BCC 19-17 between the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Chippewa County; and the 2019 Grant Application to be submitted to the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation. The grant is from 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019, in the amount of \$110,755.00 with Chippewa County contributing \$15,000 for a total FY2019 project amount of \$125,755.00. There are 53 new proposed corners to be completed this year

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve and authorize signatures for Grant No. BCC 19-17 between the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Chippewa County; and the 2019 Grant Application to be submitted to the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation. The grant is from 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019, in the amount of \$110,755.00 with Chippewa County contributing \$15,000 for County Remonumentation. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Administration – AFLAC – Changes to Existing AFLAC Payroll Account**

The Committee reviewed an AFLAC Account Acknowledgement; that will add the Health Department to the County's plan document and to change the wording for eligibility to exclude seasonal employees and employees working less than 20 hours per week.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to authorize and approve the AFLAC Payroll Account Acknowledgement adding the Health Department and excluding seasonal and employees who work less than 20 per week. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Administration – MMRMA Claim 1804093 – Total Loss**

The Committee reviewed documentation on the 2016 Dodge Charger total loss, which due to time constraints (November 30<sup>th</sup> response to MMRMA) and the difficulty in locating a replacement vehicle was previously authorized by Board Chairman Shackleton, to have MMRMA pay the full ACV value of \$24,300.00 and to sell the salvage vehicle to the highest bidder. The County's purchasing policy will also be waived. The replacement vehicle with new and previous equipment installed will be \$27,343, a budget amendment for FY2019 has been requested.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to authorize and approve MMRMA paying the County the full ACV of \$24,300; with MMRMA selling the totaled vehicle to the highest bidder and waiving the County's purchasing policy to get a replacement vehicle, as soon as possible. The vehicle price including new and prior equipment will be \$27,343. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Administration – Chippewa County EDC – Letter of Understanding  
Rental for Sheriff’s Department storage and change utility**

The Committee reviewed the Letter of Understanding from Chippewa County EDC for the Sheriff’s Department to have exclusive use of building #429 from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for the cost of \$400/month (\$4,800 annually); which is a \$1,200 per year increase and EDC also request the Cloverland Electric bill for this building be billed directly to the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, supported by Commissioner Savoie, to authorize the Letter of Understanding between the Chippewa County EDC and the Sheriff, to rent Building #429 for storage from 1-1-2019 to 12-31-2019, at the price of \$4,800; and to change the billing address for the Cloverland Electric bill for said building. On a voice vote, the motion carried. A discussion followed which included the question as to why it went up 25 percent. Commissioner McLean explained that they moved to a larger building.

**Administration – Jail Section A (old section) – Plumbing \$28,540**

The Committee reviewed a plumbing estimate for Section A of the Chippewa County Correctional Facility; this a continuance of needed maintenance and replacement for needed facilities upgrades to plumbing as Section B is now completed. The higher cost is partially due to the price of the steel toilets being \$1,400 per toilet, six being needed for this section. This plumbing job would be charged to Special Fund 225; and the County purchasing policy would need to be waived. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve and authorize and to waive the County purchasing policy, for the plumbing estimate provided by Cardinal Plumbing for Section A of the Chippewa County Correctional Facility in the amount of \$28,540.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Administration – Building Department rates with BS&A update**

The Committee reviewed the building permit rates current (2013 ICC rates) and with utilizing the new BS&A software which will update the rates quarterly and automatically. Using the current ICC rate table will increase building permit fees by 3.9% (\$21.62) for 1200 square foot home and 3.51% (\$9.33) for 896 square foot garage. The Building Inspector would also ask that decks be added to Building Inspection Fees at the cost of a flat \$65.00. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to authorize the Building Permits fees to follow the ICC rates, utilizing the BS&A software and to add decks to the fees listing at \$65.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Administration – Probate Court and 50<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – Family Division – Legal Services –  
FY2019 Contracts**

**Monica Lubiarez-Quigley; Charles J. Palmer and James Bias**

The Committee reviewed the budgeted legal services agreements between Chippewa County and individually with attorneys Monica Lubiarez-Quigley, Charles J. Palmer and James Bias; each agreement in the amount of \$39,847.00 annually; to provide representation through final disposition for indigent respondents on all assigned cases generated by the Courts.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the legal Services Agreements between Chippewa County and individually with attorneys Monica Lubiarez-Quigley, Charles J. Palmer and James Bias; each agreement in the amount of \$39,847.00 annually; to provide representation

through final disposition for indigent respondents on all assigned cases generated by the Courts. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Administration – MMRMA 2019 Renewal (Net Asset Distribution/Renewal/Contribution)**

The Committee reviewed the net asset distribution of \$45,308.00, which recommended to be returned to the County's loss fund and the proposed contribution for renewal of FY2019 for the County's Property and Liability Insurance including the Chippewa County Health Department. The County's outstanding reserves still exceed the minimum requirements of one and half times self-insured retention \$112,500.00 plus any known reserves (\$211,167.89 as of 9/30/18); due to this the underwriters have increase the County member loss fund contribution by \$50,000.00. Total premium for the year is \$254,647.00; with CCHD being responsible for \$72,158.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the net asset distribution of \$45,308 be returned for the County's loss fund and to approve the renewal and contribution breakdown as presented in the amount of \$254,647 to MMRMA for the County's FY2019 Property and Liability Insurance. 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 November bills and payroll as follow: the general claims totaling \$262,074.47, other fund claims \$639,436.15, payroll \$483,523.30, Health Department claims \$258,777.76 and Health Department payroll \$323,182.46 total claims \$1,966,994.14 and vouchers H-1 through H-288. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Finance – Budget Amendments for FY2018**

The Committee reviewed the year end budget amendments.

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

**Finance – Rescind Motion from March 8, 2018 re: Committed Funds from Fund Balance**

The Committee reviewed their prior motion to commit 1.65 million from the general fund to be used for infrastructure issues, litigation and potential corrective audit issues, upon recommendation of Administration.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to rescind the motion dated March 8, 2018 referencing Committed Funds from Fund Balance. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to accept and authorize signature for the TPOAM labor contracts as presented for the Circuit Court unit, the Probate Court unit and the Courthouse unit; and changing the TPOAM pay scale to a standard two decimal number, not the current four decimals; provided the Union agrees on the decimal change. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to accept the Finance Claims and Accounts meeting minutes of December 18, 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 Egan wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked everybody for a wonderful year especially the staff of Chippewa County, they're doing a great job, and it is not going unnoticed.
- Commissioner Savoie thanked Staff Sergeant Jim German for his service and for participating in the meeting. Merry Christmas to everyone!
- Responding to Commissioner Savoie's comments, Chairman Shackleton announced that we won't all repeat it individually, but we all feel that way.

Commissioner McLean reported on the Lame-Duck session information that was provided at the UPCAP meeting he attended. Some of the bills that died in the lame-duck session due to various technicalities are listed below:

- Tipping fee – dealing with solid waste, failed in the Senate
- The Septic reform bill died in the House
- The reimbursement to counties for lost tax revenue for Veterans tax exemption, also died
- Raising the Juvenile age for juvenile court from 17 to 18 failed
- The Dark Stores bill failed

He also commended the Sheriff's department, as they purchased a tree in the Avery Square Lobby for Christmas and decorated it for a contest. All the money generated is going to Community Action Walk for Warmth program.

Commissioner McLean also reported on a fire the EDC had on the base last week, noting it was for a company called UP shavings which was locally owned.

- Addressing Staff Sergeant Jim German, Commissioner Martin indicated that he hoped that, with all the experience he has to offer, upon finishing his service, he would consider going back to school, get a teaching degree and teach in our Sault Schools.
- Commissioner Martin complimented Chairman Shackleton on the food drive that he and the Sheriff's Department does every year. 'We appreciate what you do for the Community Mr. Shackleton.'
- Responding to Commissioner Martin's comments, Chairman Shackleton noted that we're just standing there with our hand out; it's the community that brings the food.



- Commissioner Egan reported on the tragedy on Drummond Island and commended the Sheriff's Department's extra efforts of kindness they provided to the family.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Commissioners together wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, to adjourn, on a voice vote, the motion carried. The Board adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman