

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session  
December 21, 2015

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2015 in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

Chairman Shackleton called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

Present: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Absent: None

Also Present: Scott Brand, Jim and Michelle Traynor, Chris McLean, Tracy Laitinen, Michelle Robbins, Brad and Scott Ormsbee, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to add Resolution 15-37 *Supporting Safe Operation of "Line 5"*, to the agenda, under New Business *item (b)h*. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the agenda as amended. 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 ó November 9, 2015
- Public Hearing ó November 9, 2015

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, 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

- No public comments were offered.

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### **A) Board Appointments**

**Chippewa County Building Authority** ó 2 appointments ó *expires 12-31-2016*

*Current: Ron L. Meister, James Traynor*

Candidates: Nicholas Huyck, Ronald Meister, James Traynor.

#### **On a roll call vote:**

Commissioner McLean ó James Traynor

Commissioner Martin ó Nicholas Huyck

Commissioner Egan ó Nicholas Huyck

Commissioner Johnson ó Nicholas Huyck

Chairman Shackleton ó James Traynor

Having two positions to fill, an additional roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner McLean ó James Traynor

Commissioner Martin ó Ronald Meister

Commissioner Egan ó James Traynor

Commissioner Johnson ó James Traynor

Chairman Shackleton ó James Traynor

Nicholas Huyck and James Traynor were appointed to the Chippewa County Building Authority Board for a term to expire 12-31-2016.

**Chippewa County Board of Health** ó 1 appointment - *expires 12-31-2020*

*Current member: Kathy Cairns*

Candidates: Kathy Cairns

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to cast a unanimous ballot for Kathy Cairns to the Chippewa County Board of Health.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Nays: None

Kathy Cairns was re-appointed to the Board of Health, for a term to expire 12-31-2020.

**E.U.P. Regional Planning** ó 1 appointment ó *Township Level Appointment - Expires 12-31-2017*

*Current Member: James Moore*

Candidates: James Moore

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, that a unanimous ballot be cast for James Moore.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Nays: None

James Moore was appointed to the E.U.P. Regional Planning Board for a term to expire 12-31-2017.

**E.U.P. Transportation Authority** – One appointment ó *Expires 12-31-2018*

*Current member: Frank Sasso*

Candidates: Lori Miller, Bradley Ormsbee, Frank Sasso, James Traynor

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner McLean ó Frank Sasso

Commissioner Martin ó Frank Sasso

Commissioner Egan ó Frank Sasso

Commissioner Johnson ó Frank Sasso

Chairman Shackleton ó Frank Sasso

Frank Sasso was re-appointed to the E.U.P. Transportation Authority Board, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

**U.P. State Fair Authority** ó 1 appointment ó *Expires – 12-31-2018*

*Current Member: Jake Campbell*

Candidates: Jake Campbell, Bradley Ormsbee

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner McLean ó Jake Campbell

Commissioner Martin ó Jake Campbell

Commissioner Egan ó Jake Campbell

Commissioner Johnson ó Jake Campbell

Chairman Shackleton ó Jake Campbell

Jake Campbell was appointed to the U.P. State Fair Authority Board, for a term to expire 12-31-2018.

**War Memorial Hospital, Inc.** ó 1 appointment ó Expires 12-31-2019

*Current Member: Willard LaJoie*

Candidates: Anthony Andary, William Connolly, Raymond Johnson, George Kinsella, Tracey Laitinen, Ronald Meister, Bradley Ormsbee, James Pudelko, Mark Savoie, David Thomas, James Traynor

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

*Round 1*

Commissioner McLean ó Tony Andary  
Commissioner Martin ó Tony Andary  
Commissioner Egan ó William Connolly  
Commissioner Johnson ó Raymond Johnson  
Chairman Shackleton ó Mark Savoie

*Round 2 – narrowed down to four*

Commissioner McLean ó Tony Andary  
Commissioner Martin ó Tony Andary  
Commissioner Egan ó William Connolly  
Commissioner Johnson ó Raymond Johnson  
Chairman Shackleton ó Mark Savoie

*Round 3*

Commissioner McLean ó Tony Andary  
Commissioner Martin ó Tony Andary  
Commissioner Egan ó Raymond Johnson  
Commissioner Johnson ó Raymond Johnson  
Chairman Shackleton ó Mark Savoie

*Round 4*

Commissioner McLean ó Tony Andary  
Commissioner Martin ó Tony Andary  
Commissioner Egan ó Raymond Johnson  
Commissioner Johnson ó Raymond Johnson  
Chairman Shackleton ó Tony Andary

Having received the majority, Anthony Andary was appointed to the War Memorial Hospital Board, for a term to expire 12-31-2019.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Board Applicants for terms starting 4/01/2016; except Library starts 1/01/2016.**

**Superior District Library** – 1 appointment Expires 12-31-2018

*Current Member: Lorna Hauswirth*

Candidates: Nancy Berkompas, Richard Crofton

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to waive the normal procedure and proceed with an appointment vote. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Egan ó Nancy Berkompas  
Commissioner Johnson ó Richard Crofton  
Commissioner Martin ó Richard Crofton  
Commissioner McLean ó Nancy Berkompas  
Chairman Shackleton ó Richard Crofton

Having received the majority, Richard Crofton was appointed to the Superior District Library Board for a

term to expire 12-31-2018.

**Chippewa County E.D.C.** – *One appointment – Expires 3-31-2022*

*Current Member: Leisa Mansfield*

Candidates: Leisa Mansfield

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin to waive the normal procedure and proceed with filling the Chippewa County E.D.C. position. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to cast a unanimous ballot to place Leisa Mansfield on the Chippewa County E.D.C. Board.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Nays: None

Leisa Mansfield was re-appointed to the Chippewa County E.D.C. Board, for a term to expire 3-31-2022.

**Hiawatha Behavioral Health** – *One appointment – Expires 3-31-2019*

*Current Member: Ronald Meister*

Candidates: Tom Farnquist, Ronald Meister & James Moore

It was moved by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to waive the normal procedure and proceed with an appointment vote to fill this position. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner Egan ó Tom Farnquist  
Commissioner Johnson ó Tom Farnquist  
Commissioner Martin ó Ronald Meister  
Commissioner McLean ó Tom Farnquist  
Chairman Shackleton ó Jim Moore

Tom Farnquist was appointed to the Hiawatha Behavioral Health Board, for a term to expire 3-31-2019.

**Veterans Affairs** – *One appointment ó Expires 3-31-2020*

*Current Member: Jim Shogren*

Candidates: Nicholas Huyck & James Shogren

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to accept the above referenced candidates and forward them to the Veterans Affairs Committee for a recommendation. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**B) Concur with OES/E 9-1-1 to appoint Michelle Robbins to the U.P. 911 Authority**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, that they concur with OES/E 9-1-1 recommendation and appoint Michelle Robbins to the U.P. 911 Authority. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**C) Resolution 15-32 Special Tribute Joann Barry**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adopt Resolution 15-32 as follows:

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE  
15-32  
JOANN BARRY**

*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 and as she prepares for the new and exciting experiences that lie ahead.

*Joann Barry* has served the citizens of Chippewa County in a manner above reproach, and for this we extend our thanks. *Joann Barry* has provided outstanding service.

*Joann Barry* has taken personal pride in her work with Chippewa County and has worked hard to continue the improvements of the Chippewa County Health Department.

*Joann Barry* has worked for the Chippewa County Health Department for fourteen years, eleven of those years with the Information Technology Department and through her persistence, her high performance standards, her kind friendship, her professionalism, and her insight to her fellow co-workers and citizens place her in the highest of categories.

*Joann Barry* on behalf of the all the individuals served and the residents of Chippewa County, the Board extends their appreciation to *Joann Barry* who is thoughtful, caring, involved and dedicated, and who made a favorable impact on the betterment of life and well-being in Chippewa County.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, therefore upon her retirement from the Chippewa County Health Department, this document is signed and dedicated to honor *Joann Barry*, for her contributions to Chippewa County, and the individuals she served so well. We join together to extend to *Joann Barry* 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 Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

**D) Resolution 15-33 Support E.U.P. Regional Planning application and Letter of Support**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution 15-33 as follows:

**15-33**

**Resolution in support of Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission (EUP) application on behalf of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Collaborative**

WHEREAS, Governor Snyder and the Michigan Legislature have created the Regional Prosperity Initiative with the goal of improving organizational collaboration to further economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 and 2015 EUP was awarded funds to form and continue a Regional Prosperity Collaborative to foster greater communication and collaboration among organizations involved in economic, workforce, and community development; adult and higher education; transportation; and other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Prosperity Collaborative (REDAC) is composed of Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties, known as Prosperity Region 1c; and

WHEREAS, EUP completed a five-year Regional Prosperity Plan in 2014 and has been implementing some priority projects in 2015, in the areas of economic development, career and technical education, broadband internet, housing, and recreation planning; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan enacted legislation in 2015 authorizing and appropriating funds for continuation of the Regional Prosperity Initiative for Fiscal Year 2016; and

WHEREAS, only EUP is eligible in the Eastern Upper Peninsula to receive funding under the Regional Prosperity Initiative; and

WHEREAS, EUP has the opportunity to form a Regional Prosperity Council in 2016, which includes representation from private, public, and nonprofit entities with shared administrative services and an executive governing entity, as demonstrated by a formal local agreement(s), and which requires development of a ten-year Regional Prosperity Plan; and

WHEREAS, EUP is proposing to form a Regional Prosperity Council, develop the required ten-year plan, and implement new and continuing priority projects in 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby supports the Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning and Development Commission's grant application for the Fiscal Year 2016 Regional Prosperity Initiative.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

**E) Resolution 15-34 Opposing HB 4138 (H-4), Presumptive Parole**

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to adopt Resolution 15-34 as follows:

**15-34**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 4138 (H-4), PRESUMPTIVE PAROLE**

**WHEREAS**, Chippewa County will not support violent felons being released on parole without a full and detailed evaluation by an educated and experienced parole board. Violent felons should not be presumed eligible for parole at their earliest prison release date.

**WHEREAS**, Chippewa County recognizes that 23% of parolees and 24% of probationers are rearrested within one year of release from supervision and 50% of offenders entering prison are sentenced for violating probation or parole. See: Michigan Department of Corrections, 2013 Statistical Report.

**WHEREAS**, The above mentioned statistics show that public safety is compromised by the early release of convicted felons.

**WHEREAS**, The above mentioned statistics also show that the probation and parole systems are currently underfunded and could not handle an additional influx of probationer or parolees.

**WHEREAS**, It is also apparent that without investment in front-end probation and parole services, the cycle of jail and prison will not end, and local communities will continue to see the negative consequences of repeat offenders that have not been adequately rehabilitated.

**WHEREAS**, Chippewa County has not been directly affected by parolees imported to our community by way of contracts with the Michigan Department of Corrections and opportunist landlords, as has Delta County. These low-income housing units in Delta County are minimally maintained. The units have been established in our historic residential and business districts and overall have caused public safety and property value issues in these neighborhoods. Additional fast tracks to parole would continue to have this affect on the Delta County community and across the state.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, After being fully informed by Delta County and for the reasons stated, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners opposes HB 4138 (H-4), presumptive parole, as written and to urges you to exempt violent crimes from eligibility. Further, we urge that any savings be directed to the local services that will be burdened by this legislation.

**A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:**



Ayes: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

## **THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

### **F) Resolution 15-35 Support of Michigan Unfunded Mandate Bills**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adopt Resolution 15-35 as presented below. A discussion followed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 15-35 RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MICHIGAN UNFUNDED MANDATE BILLS - SBs 388-390**

**Whereas**, the Michigan Legislature is considering Senate Bill No. 388 ó Transparency Act (Casperson); Senate Bill 389 ó Administrative Procedures Act (Kowall) and Senate Bill No. 390 ó Revised Judicature Act Robertson) with regards to Unfunded Mandatesøwhich fiscally upset the Michigan Counties ability to accurately manage their budgets.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 388 Transparency Act reinforces the provisions of Headlee in the Constitution by specifying that the Legislature shall appropriate sufficient money to pay local units of government for each state requirement imposed upon them pursuant to Section 29 of Article 9 of the Constitution (Headlee).

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 388 Transparency Act states that no local unit of government shall be required to provide a new activity or service or an increase in an existing activity or service unless: (1) there is a fiscal note prepared and published; and (2) the State appropriates sufficient funding based on the fiscal note.

**Whereas**, HB 388 Transparency Act creates a fiscal note process; requires Treasury to develop a searchable database for use by local units of government and indicates how the fiscal note process should be established.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 388 Transparency Act specifies that the State shall not impose a penalty on or withhold funds to a local unit of government that does not comply with a mandate if: (1) the fiscal note process has not been followed; (2) that State has prepared a fiscal not but a taxpayer (including a local unit of government has filed a lawsuit asserting that the law creates a mandate and the court has not issued an order within 6 months or has decided in favor of the taxpayer.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 389 Administrative Procedures Act parallels the changes made in the Paul Harvey Transparency Act but applies the process to rules so that departments canø get around the unfunded mandate provisions.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 389 Administrative Procedures Act specifies that is an appropriation is not provided for new activities or services required of locals required under a rule that a local unit of government does

not have to comply.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 389 Administrative Procedures Act adds a reason under the Joint Committee on Administrative Rule process by which the Legislature can introduce bills to intercede on a rule after filling a notice of objection. The new reason would be that the rules do not comply with Headlee provisions of the Constitution or the new act under SB 495.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 390 Revised Judicature Act allows a local unit of government to bring an action against the Stew in the Court of Appeals to enforce the Transparency Act.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 390 Revised Judicature Act provides the local unit of government with all costs and expenses if they prevail in the lawsuit and creates a special master provision in the County of Appeals so that the Special master may conduct an investigation to determine what the law was intended to do and how it affects local unit of government.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 390 Revised Judicature Act requires the case to be decided as rapidly as possible and gives its priority over all other cases other than special emergency cases or those given priority in rules adopted by the Supreme Court.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 390 Revised Judicature Act requires the State to maintain the burden of proof and prove that the State is in compliance with not creating an unfunded mandate UNLESS a local unit of government has twice brought and lost actions regarding Headlee provisions.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 390 Revised Judicature Act provides that if the tax payer prevails in a lawsuit showing that the State has not met its funding requirements, the Transparency Act applies unless and until the legislature: (1) provides for sufficient funding; (2) eliminates or rescinds the requirement; or (3) changes or modifies the requirements so that it is now compliant and appropriately funded.

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 390 Revised Judicature Act provides for priority of the case in the Supreme Court if an appeal is made to the Supreme Court by a party and if the Supreme Court takes the case that the obligation on the local unit of government shall be "stayed" (i.e. shall not be enforced).

**Whereas**, Michigan voters approved a tax limitation to the 1963 Constitution which is generally referred to as Headlee, unfortunately the Headlee amendment has been largely disregarded by the Legislature with new laws passed requiring more of local units of government without corresponding funding being provided.

**Whereas**, 28 states have requirements that state mandates be specifically identified, and in many states there are requirements that the mandates must be funded. The states use a fiscal note process for new laws or retrospectively identify mandates and their costs in existing law.

**Whereas**, the 2009 Legislative Commission Report on Statutory Mandates recommended a blended approach of what other states have done be used in Michigan.

**Be it resolved**, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners urges the Michigan Legislature to pass Senate Bill No. 388, 389 and 390 to prevent more unfunded mandates from being imposed on local

units of government in the future through the inclusion of a fiscal note process; and to specify that an unfunded mandate in any new legislation is not binding on a local unit of government and they cannot be penalized for not following the mandate if funding is not provided.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

**G) Resolution 15-36 Honoring Tim McKee**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to adopt Resolution 15-36 as presented below.

A discussion followed with Commissioner McLean stating that he just cannot find the words to express all that Tim McKee has done for Chippewa County in the last 15 years. Tim McKee has taken us from an operation, to the best operation in the State and he deserves a huge amount of credit for that.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-36**

**RESOLUTION HONORING TIM MC KEE AFTER 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO CHIPPEWA COUNTY AND THE EASTERN UPPER PENINSULA**

**WHEREAS**, that is with great pride that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners join together with the residents and visitors of Chippewa County and the Eastern Upper Peninsula, to express their wish of good health and happiness upon his retirement as he prepares for the new and exciting experiences that lie ahead; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim McKee, has served as the Office of Emergency Services and the Chippewa County Central Dispatch Director since December of 2000, and has provided outstanding service to Chippewa County in a manner above reproach, and for this we extend our thanks; and

**WHEREAS**, for over fifteen years, and too many hours to count, Tim McKee has developed and masterminded the Chippewa County Central Dispatch and Office of Emergency Services programs, to one of the state's most respected programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim McKee, has had a distinguished career with Chippewa County, including many awards and achievements, he has brought the Central Dispatch Services into the current technology and his efforts have not gone unnoticed by his colleagues, the Board or the residents of Chippewa County, who benefit from his efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Tim McKee, during his career with Chippewa County's Central Dispatch Center, has

assisted 1000s of residents, as well as, visitors to the area, when their emergency arose, he has provided training, equipment and guidance to the Townships within the County, including his specialty of grant writing, which has benefited the County, Townships and the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

**WHEREAS**, Tim McKee is a shining example of the commitment of Chippewa County to serve those who are need during emergencies and disasters; he performed his duties throughout his tenure with professionalism; selflessness, his care and concern for others; and a gentleman who stood up for his principles time and again, making sure the County was well taken care of.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully recognizes and dedicates this document to honor and thank Tim McKee whose exemplary service and achievements with Chippewa County have benefited, in countless ways for more than fifteen years of public service with the County of Chippewa.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

**H) Resolution 15-37 Supporting Safe Operation of “Line 5”**

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to adopt Resolution 15-37 as presented below. A discussion followed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-37  
Supporting Safe Operation of “Line 5”**

WHEREAS, “Line 5” is a set of twin, 62-year-old pipelines owned by Enbridge that carry light crude oil and natural gas from Sarnia, Ontario, through the Lower Peninsula, under the Straits of Mackinac, and across the Upper Peninsula to the Wisconsin border; and

WHEREAS, Line 5 fills critical energy needs including propane for 85% of the homes in the Upper Peninsula and northern Michigan.

WHEREAS, Enbridge has stated a commitment to the safety of the pipeline and the Straits of Mackinac.

WHEREAS, the currents in the Straits of Mackinac can switch bi-directionally from east to west every few days, and, according to a 2014 University of Michigan study, are the “worst possible place” for an oil spill in the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes contain 20 percent of the world’s fresh, available, surface water and are a drinking water source for over 35 million people; and

WHEREAS, one out of every five jobs in Michigan is linked to the high quality and quantity of fresh water in the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, tourism is one of Michigan's largest income industries bringing in billions of travelers dollars spent each year; and

WHEREAS, agriculture, fisheries, shipping and industry depend on the health of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, as Michiganders, we have a responsibility to be wise stewards of the waters of our State for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, protection of Michigan's water supplies and resources is better accomplished by prevention of contamination and environmental degradation, rather than attempting to clean up contamination and restore degraded environments, after the fact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County of Michigan Board of Commissioners calls on the State of Michigan and the United States governments to be diligent in monitoring the safe operation of Line 5. And, if at any time, there is reasonable evidence that the pipeline is likely to leak into the Straits of Mackinac it should be shut down until the respective agencies are satisfied that the pipeline is safe. And, a plan be made to fill the needs of the thousands of customers who rely on the energy transported by Line 5 in the event that the Straits of Mackinac portion needs to be shut down.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Governor Rick Snyder, Attorney General Bill Schuette, our State Representatives, State Senators, and U.S. Senators, calling their attention to the need to monitor Line 5 and protect the Great Lakes.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

Ayes: Commissioners Egan, Johnson, Martin, McLean and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

**THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED**

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

Commissioner Egan Chairman 6 November 13, 2015

**Agenda Items**

**911 Replacements**

Tim McKee notified the County he will retire January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. A discussion ensued on his replacement and the 911 Advisory board had recommended Missy Robbins to assume the position, noting her knowledge and dedication to the operation. Administrator German noted that administration recommended a level 14 for the position at the first step. Also discussed was her replacement and the fact

that both should be hired ASAP for a smooth continuance of the operation.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to hire Missy Robbins as the new 911/OES director effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, at a level 14 page grade 1<sup>st</sup> step waving policy 211 and to immediately post the Operations Manager position. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

### **CCHD Hire**

Ms. Forest expressed the need to immediately fill the vacant RN position as it is critical to the agency.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to fill the vacant RN position at the CCHD. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation, and Health and Social Services Committee minutes of November 13, 2015 as corrected to state Commissioner Shackleton supported the motion to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried

## **Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation, and Health and Social Services Committee**

Commissioner Egan Chairman ó November 20, 2015

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Operation Manager Position**

The need to replace the Operations Manager Position was discussed. This will fill the vacancy created by Missy Robbins promotion. A discussion ensued on pay level among other topics.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve advertising for and filling the position at a grade level 10 following policy 211. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Martin, to accept the Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation, and Health and Social Services Committee meeting minutes of November 20, 2015 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation, and Health and Social Services Committee**

Commissioner Egan Chairman ó December 18, 2015

### **Agenda Items**

#### **Operation Manager Position and Clerk Vacancy**

Tammy Peyton was selected to fill the Operations Manager position at 911. This will create a vacancy

in the Clerk's office.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean to approve the hiring of Tammy Peyton as operations manager effective 1/1/2016 and to fill the vacancy in the Clerk's office. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **CCHD Hire**

A nurse practitioner has left the SHACC. CCHD asked permission to fill the vacancy.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to fill the nurse practitioner position at the SHACC. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the Personnel, Equalization and Apportionment, Transportation, and Health and Social Services Committee meeting minutes of December 18, 2015, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **FINANCE CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS**

Chairman Commissioner Martin ó December 17, 2015

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **50<sup>TH</sup> Circuit Drug Court – contracts**

The Committee reviewed three contracts associated with the 50<sup>th</sup> Circuit Drug Court with the Sheriff's Department for electronic monitoring; with Great Lakes Recovery, Inc. for counseling and testing and with Project Consultant Services for program services. All contracts run from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016, which is the same time frame as the Drug Court Grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the three drug court contracts as follows:

- Chippewa County Sheriff's Department ó electronic monitoring ó not to exceed \$1,575.
- Great lake Recovery, Inc. ó counseling/testing ó not to exceed \$16,950
- Project Consultant Services ó case management - \$42,500 or the total amount approved for these case management services is in the Alcohol Highway Safety Grant.

All contracts run from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

#### **Animal Control Shelter soundproofing project**

The Committee reviewed a letter and bid from Shelter Manager Holly Henderson, requesting a sound silencing project be completed by Belk Contracting, LLC at the cost of \$16,999.00, with the project being paid from Fund 285 - Donations and to waive the bidding policy as it has taken several months to locate anyone willing to do the project. This project will sound proof the entire back, put in two sets of doors

that will separate the hallway from the cats that are in the hallway, the walls will also be waterproofed.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the bid from Belk Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$16,999.00 for the Animal Shelter to sound proof the entire back, put in two sets of doors and will separate the hallway from the cats that are in the hallway; the walls will also be waterproofed, and to waive the County's bid policy. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **MOU with CCHED – Operation of a Closed Point of Dispensing**

The Committee reviewed a request from the Chippewa County Health Department's Emergency Preparedness coordinator Trevor Quinlan, to establish a Memorandum of Understanding between CCHED and the County, for use of the County Building as a pickup and to dispense vaccinations, medications, or other medical materials during a widespread public health emergency.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to authorize the MOU between the Chippewa County Health Department and the County authorizing the use of the County building as a pick up and/or dispensing point during a widespread public emergency. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Chippewa County Remonumentation 2016 Grant Application**

The Committee reviewed the 2016 Remonumentation Grant Application along with the maps showing the areas that will be completed in 2016, the grant allocation being \$89,698 plus the County's allocation of \$15,000 for a total Remonumentation Program for 2016 in the amount of \$104,698.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve and authorize the signatures for the 2016 Chippewa County Remonumentation Program for \$104,698, the grant allocation shows the County receiving \$89,698 from the State of Michigan towards the program. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Third Party Administration for MSHDA CDBG Home Improvement Program**

The Committee reviewed the Request for Proposal for Grant Administration Services for the Michigan Community Development Block Grant; one bid was received from CLM Community Action Human Resource Authority, Inc., who stated their direct service billings will not exceed approved administration fee of \$22,593.60 for the MSHDA Small Cities Grant Application for \$124,520.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to approve the bid from CLM Community Action Human Resource authority, Inc., to administer the Community Development Block Grant Program for an amount not to exceed \$22,593.60. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **MMRMA Policy Renewal**

The Committee reviewed the proposed contribution for FY2016 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 of \$331,321.75, the under writers have increased the County member loss fund deposit to \$50,000; in the past it has been \$10,000. ó Total premium for the year is proposed at \$244,839.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve the full amount of the proposed premium in the amount of \$244,839 to MMRMA for the County's FY2016 Property and Liability Insurance, and to authorize Administration to negotiate a lower loss fund deposit, if possible. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Note\*\* The premium total cost was reduced to \$229,839.

## **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 November bills and payroll as follows: the general claims totaling \$185,354.19, other fund claims \$678,718.96, payroll \$456,633.82, Health Department claims of \$571,499.42 and total claims of \$1,892,206.39 and vouchers H-1 through H-258. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Budget Amendment**

The Committee reviewed the year end budget amendments.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the Finance Claims and Accounts meeting minutes of December 17, 2015, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Chairman Shackleton noted that an Organizational meeting needs to be scheduled to do the following two things:

- 1) Schedule meeting times and dates for 2016
- 2) Vote on the Vice Chair ó *Annual vote*

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule the Organizational meeting for January 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the 91<sup>st</sup> District Courtroom.

## **COMMISSIONERS REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL COMMENTS**

- Commissioner McLean communicated that he wanted to publicly recognize our entire Law Enforcement Community, the Sheriff, City Police, Border Patrol, Customs, Immigration, Tribal

Police and all the others for their outstanding efforts in improving Christmas for those in need in Chippewa County. He also recognized the efforts of Chairman Scott Shackleton for his work in collecting food for those in need along with Sheriff Savoie. He then officially offered his assistance as a County Commissioner for next year in any of those efforts they put forth. Commissioner Egan also offered his services.

- Chairman Shackleton noted that the history for this goes back long before he was a County Commissioner, indicating that he would certainly welcome their help. He went on to say, "It is tremendously rewarding to know that you're directly helping people in our community."
- Chairman Shackleton also noted that it was a pleasant year to work with this Commission and that he appreciates the fact that they work together professionally and at all times doing the best we can for the people we represent. He wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas
- Commissioner Martin recognized Chairman Scott Shackleton's and Vice Chairman Don McLean's leadership skills making this year go very well.
- It was the consensus of the Board that it was a pleasure working with everyone and all wished our entire community a Merry Christmas.
- Commissioner Martin also spoke on senate bill 571 prohibiting discussion on a bonding issue 60 days prior to an election, noting that even a neutral news letter saying, "don't forget to vote" would be prohibited. Furthermore, he asked everyone to give the Governor's office a call at (517) 373-3400 concerning this bill.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman

