

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
August 14, 2025

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met at a regular session on Thursday, August 14, 2025, in the 91st District Courtroom.

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 4:32 P.M. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via zoom. Commissioner Knepper lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Damon Lieurance, Justin Knepper, Scott Shackleton, James Traynor and Chairman Jim Martin

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Kelly Church, Clerk Steven Woodgate, and 2 members of the public. 6 members of the public logged in via zoom.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve the following minutes as presented:

- Regular Meeting – July 17, 2025

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, for the correspondence be acknowledged and forwarded as appropriate. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Suzanne Lieurance, Environmental Health Supervisor for Chippewa County Health Department, updated the Board about issues regarding some wells in Chippewa County testing positive for E. coli.
- Sara Karainski asked if the Commission could provide guidance to EUPTA on how to manage their public meetings like the County does.
- Kara Thompson expressed her frustration on how the Health Department is handling the E. coli in her well.
- Phylis Reed stated she appreciates the agenda packets out and how their concerns are heard by the County Board.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Kelly Church provided for informational purposes only – *no action items*.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2025-15

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Shackleton and supported by Commissioner Knepper.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15

County Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of \$2,500.00 annually from the Opioid Settlement Fund to the Chippewa County Health Department for the Purpose of Facilitation and Administration Expenses Associated with Leadership of the County's Opioid Settlement Planning Efforts starting October 2025

WHEREAS, as of August 1, 2025, Chippewa County has received \$463,646.29 from the settlements of multiple opioid-related lawsuits, and the total funding anticipated to be received by the County will occur over 18 years and is estimated to be \$1.6 million; and

WHEREAS, these funds are available to the County for use in remediating the impacts of opioids on the population of Chippewa County, including overdose reversal, treatment, recovery, prevention, planning, and evaluation, as described in Exhibit E - <https://www.attorneygeneral.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Exhibit-E-Final-Distributor-Settlement-Agreement-8-11-21.pdf>; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2024, the Board of Commissioners established via resolution 2024-34 an Opioid Settlement Steering Committee to develop recommendations regarding the investment by the County of settlement funds, appointments were made on May 15, 2025, to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the planning of opioid settlement funds is expected to include stakeholder and community engagement, needs assessment and resource inventory, identification of funding mechanisms and priorities, defining ongoing monitoring and accountability metrics, and development of a transition plan for ongoing oversight; and

WHEREAS, the Opioid Settlement Committee met on August 7, 2025, and will continue to meet, as needed to present recommendations to the Board of Commissioners annually; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Administration initially managed the establishment of the Committee, solicited approval of the inaugural Request for Funding, and will now pass the opioid planning efforts to the Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD); as the initial contracts have been vetted and are ready for approval; and

WHEREAS, to date no county financial resources have been requested nor allocated to support this planning work; nor have any of the Opioid Settlement Funds been spent; and

WHEREAS, the scope of planning and the time required to support planning have expanded, and additional resources are necessary to ensure that the County delivers a sound, effective set of recommendations to the Board of Commissioners without disruption to the other critical health services provided by CCHD; and

WHEREAS, the County and Health Department reviewed the opioid remediation specifications and have determined a ten percent (10%) indirect rate for grantees and County planning efforts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the transfer of \$2,500.00 on annually starting October 1st, 2025, from the opioid settlement fund to the Chippewa County Health Department for the purpose of facilitation and administration expenses associated with leadership of the county's opioid settlement planning efforts. Payments will be made annually until the Opioid Settlement Funds are expended per the settlement to remediate the impact of opioids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners authorizes the budget adjustments necessary to complete the transfer.

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Knepper, Lieurance, Shackleton, Traynor, and Chairman Martin
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION 2025-15 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2025-16

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Lieurance and supported by Commissioner Knepper.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL
SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION AND ENTRY
OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTRASTATE AGREEMENT CONCERNING
ALLOCATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS

RESOLUTION 2025-16

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic;

AND WHEREAS the following entities:

1. Alvogen Inc.
2. Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
3. Apotex Inc.
4. Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.
5. Indivior Inc.
6. Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.
7. Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc. and
8. Zydus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

("Settling Defendants") have negotiated proposed national settlement agreements ("Proposed Settlements") with the State Attorneys General, and a Plaintiff Executive Committee-designated negotiating committee that represents approximately 4,000 local governments that have brought lawsuits similar to Chippewa County's lawsuit;

AND WHEREAS the Proposed Settlements contain significant equitable and monetary relief, including:

1. An agreement to pay (a) \$18,680,162 in a single year by Alvogen Inc.; (b) \$71,751,010 over ten years by Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; (c) \$63,682,369 in a single year by Apotex Inc.; (d) \$95,818,293 over one to four years by Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.; (e) \$38,022,450 over four years by Indivior Inc.; (f) \$284,447,916 over nine years by Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.; (g) \$30,992,087 over one to four years by Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.; and (h) \$14,859,220 in a single year by Zydus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The bulk of each of these payments will be dedicated to funding abatement and prevention strategies associated with the opioids public nuisance;
2. In addition to these abatement payments, several of the settlements allow states to receive free pharmaceutical products or cash in lieu of this product.
3. Additionally, seven of the companies (not including Indivior) are prohibited from promoting or marketing opioids and opioid products, making or selling any product that contains more than 40 mg of oxycodone per pill, and are required to put in place a monitoring and reporting system for suspicious orders.
4. Indivior has agreed to not manufacture or sell opioid products for the next 10 years, but it will be able to continue marketing and selling medications to treat opioid use disorder.

AND WHEREAS Chippewa County previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, as well as the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, and Walgreens Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits;

AND WHEREAS Chippewa County desires to enter into an allocation method which allocates settlement funds from the Settling Defendants on a 50/50 basis to:

1. Local Governments who have elected to participate in the settlements with the Settling Defendants; and
2. the State of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE, Chippewa County authorizes the execution of Participation Agreements for the Master Settlement Agreements with: (1) Alvogen Inc.; (2) Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; (3) Apotex Inc.; (4) Hikma Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.; (5) Indivior Inc.; (6) Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc.; (7) Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Inc.; and (8) Zydus Pharmaceuticals, Inc., each of which are listed and available to the public at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/additional->

settlements/. Specimen copies of the material terms of the participation agreements are attached in one combined PDF as Exhibit A to this resolution.

Chippewa County also authorizes the execution of a new Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement for Allocation of Opioid Settlement Agreements substantially similar to the proposed agreement attached as Exhibit B to this resolution.

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Knepper, Lieurance, Shackleton, Traynor, and Chairman Martin

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION 2025-16 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2025-17

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Knepper and supported by Commissioner Traynor.

RESOLUTION 2025-17

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION AND ENTRY OF STATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTRASTATE AGREEMENT CONCERNING ALLOCATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS

RESOLUTION 2025-17

At a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, Chippewa County, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, held at the Chippewa County Building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 on August 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance and Jim Traynor

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Shackleton;

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic, which named, among others, Purdue Pharma L.P. (Purdue) and several members of the Sackler family (Sackler Family Defendants);

AND WHEREAS Purdue has presented a proposed Bankruptcy Plan, and the Sackler Family Defendants have entered into a Governmental Entity & Shareholder Direct Settlement Agreement (together, the "Purdue/Sackler Settlement") with the State Attorneys General and a Plaintiff Executive Committee-designated negotiating committee that represents approximately 4,000 local governments that have brought lawsuits similar to Chippewa County's lawsuit;

AND WHEREAS the Purdue/Sackler Settlement will provide significant equitable and monetary relief, including an agreement that (a) the Sackler Family Defendants will pay \$6.5 billion over the next 15 years in exchange for a release of claims against them and (b) the Purdue estate will contribute an amount of approximately \$900 million. The bulk of these payments will be dedicated to funding abatement and prevention strategies associated with the opioids public nuisance;

AND WHEREAS Chippewa County previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, as well as the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, and Walgreens Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits;

AND WHEREAS Chippewa County desires to enter into an allocation method which allocates settlement funds on a 50/50 basis to:

1. Participating Local Governments who have elected to participate in the Purdue/Sackler Settlement; and
2. the State of Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE, Chippewa County authorizes the execution of a Participation Agreement for the Purdue/Sackler Settlement, which is available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>. A specimen copy of the material terms of the participation agreement is attached as Exhibit A to this resolution.

Chippewa County also authorizes the execution of a new Michigan State-Subdivision Agreement for Allocation of Opioid Settlement Agreements substantially similar to the proposed agreement attached as Exhibit B to this resolution.

Chippewa County also authorizes the Weitz & Luxenberg law firm to vote on Chippewa County's behalf in favor of the Bankruptcy Plan for Purdue.

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Knepper, Lieurance, Shackleton, Traynor, and Chairman Martin

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION 2025-17 DECLARED ADOPTED

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PERSONNEL, EQUALIZATION AND APPORTIONMENT/TRANSPORTATION/HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE August 5, 2025

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

Personnel – Sheriff's Office – part-time wages

The Committee reviewed a request from the Sheriff's Offices to change the format and pay rate of part-time wages for the part-time deputies at the Sheriff's Office (excluding the 79-hour

Corrections positions, as they are a separate classification). As recruiting and retention of part-time deputies has become increasingly more difficult. The request asked for a part-time deputy starting rate of \$15.50; \$17.00 after one year of service, if they have become proficient at the job and if a deputy is certified and in good standing through the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards the rate of pay would be \$18.00 an hour. The financial impact to the general fund would be less than \$20,000.00 annually as many of these wages are reimbursable through grants and service agreements. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the requested part-time Sheriff's Office wages as presented and to remain competitive starting at \$15.50; to \$17.00 at one-year, if proficient and authorized by the Sheriff or Sheriff designee and that deputies certified and in good standing with MCOLES rate of pay be \$18.00 per hour; these rates of pay at the beginning of the next pay period. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Personnel – Veterinary Services (In House)

The Committee was updated on the Veterinary Services request which was originally sent out for proposals which none were received; the services would cover weekly shelter visits, sterilization and general consultation. The Shelter Manager has asked to authorize an employee be added to the budget at the cost of \$50.00 per hour at 8 hours per week; this expense would be paid from the Special Fund 280 Animal Control Millage. The estimated cost is \$23,296.00; and will help reduce the current monthly costs of professional services/fees which are averaging over \$10,000.00 per month currently.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve the Veterinary Service hourly rate of pay of \$50.00 per hour for eight (8) hours per week; the estimated annual cost is \$23,296.00 including fringe; this employee position will cover weekly visits, sterilization and general consultation. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Personnel – Non-Union Wages

The Committee discussed a proposed pay raise for non-union employees; and to make sure that a review of the non-union wages took place annually. The adjustment aims to ensure wage competitiveness, retain qualified staff, and try to maintain equity between the union and non-union staff. The proposed increase is based on financial analysis, budgetary capacity and union and non-union percentage increases over the past years; the non-union wage scale increase was October 1, 2025. Following lengthy discussion and review of the pay scale, cost estimates and comparable.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Shackleton to approve and authorize a non-union wage increase of 2% effective October 1, 2025, this increase will not change the prior motion for the non-union Sheriff's Office part-time deputies. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Commissioner Knepper commented that he wanted to make sure union and

non-union workers are paid appropriately He also said 2% is not much, but is hoping to be on the right track to review people's wages and try to keep up with inflation.

Health and Social Services – Health Care Renewal FY2026

The Committee was updated on the County's health care savings renewal; in which we are anticipating and substantial increase of between 20-25%. The Committee reviewed an email that went out to the Elected Officials and Department Heads on July 30, 2025, which asked the department to assess the impact of the increase, and revenue opportunities and to look at efficiency improvements to streamline operations or reduce non-essential expenditures where feasible. Discussion followed with no action taken.

Health and Social Services – GLP-1s

The Committee was next updated on the expense of the GLP-1's for weight loss only, to date the County has paid over \$65,000.00 for weight-loss prescriptions. The Committee was asked to consider cancellation of GLP-1's for weight-loss prescriptions only; or to possibly increase the monthly co-pay, to \$100, \$150 or \$200 per fill. The Committee was informed that as of January 1, 2025, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBSM) actually stopped covering weight loss GLP-1s under fully insured plans, while maintaining GLP-1s for diabetes coverage. Discussion followed, with additional information being asked for including a possible \$500.00 co-pay and to see what other counties are doing. Changes may be necessary for the county to continue to offer balanced, affordable and quality care options to all employees and to make sure our employees remain covered for their diabetic needs. No action was taken.

Notes: A \$500.00 co-pay is possible, which covers a little bit less than half of the total monthly cost of the prescription; it was also found that Cheboygan, Otsego and Emmet do not cover GLP-1's for weight-loss; Antrim will cover if it is medically necessary.

Commissioner Shackleton mentioned the option of either dropping the coverage for the weight-loss or raise the co-pay to \$500. If the co-pay was raised to \$500 and the price of the drug drops in the future, the Board could re-visit the situation. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to establish a \$500 co-pay for GLP-1s for people who are using the drug for weight-loss with the Board's full understanding that if it is for medically necessary purposes that it is not being affected by this action. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health and Social Services – Opioid Settlement Steering Committee

Bylaws of the Chippewa County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee

Conflict of Interest

The Committee reviewed the new Policy No. 609 Bylaws of the Chippewa County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee, which also references county policies No. 122 Ancillary/Advisory

Committee Attendance Policy and No. 323 Cash and Check Handling; two changes were requested changing Article VI Section 2 third word from will to may and Article VII Section 1 adding that the Committee will follow the Robert's Rules of Order. The Committee also reviewed the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure for the Steering Committee written specifically for the opioid settlement funds.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve new Policy No. 609 Bylaws of the Chippewa County Opioid Settlement Steering Committee, as amended with changes to Article VI Section 2 and Article VII Section 1 as referenced above and to approve the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Form for the Opioid Settlement Steering Committee, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Traynor, for the minutes being accepted as read. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2025

AGENDA ITEMS

Health Department – Administrative Policy – New Public Information and Media Contact Policy

The Committee reviewed the Health Department's new Administrative Policy 1.00.013 regarding Public Information and Media Contact, defines the procedures for providing accurate, consistent and timely information to the media, public and stakeholders to increase public health awareness, establish credibility and build trust.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize new administrative policy #1.00.013 regarding Public Information and Media Contact, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Office of Emergency Services - Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan – Grant Approval – Project cost \$61,000.00, Grant for \$46,497.87 Accept and Authorize

The Committee reviewed the grant agreement award for Chippewa County's Hazard Mitigation Planning Project in the amount of \$46,497.87 with a project total cost of \$61,000.00; with the 25% match of \$15,502.13 can be county as "in-kind," through hours worked, or supplies purchased. FEMA requires State, Local, tribal and territorial governments to have approved and adopted hazard mitigation plans so that they can remain eligible for certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance; the plan must be updated every five (5) years to remain eligible. Emergency Manager Postma is also seeking approval to begin meeting with and working with the EUP Regional Planning and Development Commission to develop the new set of Hazard Mitigation Plans.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve, accept and authorize signature the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), in the amount of

\$46,497.87 and to have the Emergency Manager start working with EUP Regional Planning to complete the necessary Hazard Mitigation Plan. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Central Dispatch – Malone Electrical, LLC – Install New UPS System – two prior RFQ's were unanswered - \$6,200.00

The Committee was asked to authorize an estimate from Malone Electrical, LLC to provide labor and materials to install a new UPS System, including the transfer switch, cabinet and clean up old UPS power outlets and panel at Central Dispatch for \$6,200.00. This job was previously sent out for bids twice with no response.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the Malone Electrical, LLC estimate of \$6,200.00 to install the new UPS System and clean up the outlets and panels. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Central Dispatch – Engineering Services RFP or seek quote

The Committee was updated on an issue at Central Dispatch in their electrical room, that needs to be evaluated for a scope of work, to clean up the connections of the electrical equipment and provide schematic and plans to update the room as necessary; Information System's Anthony Zakic did provide an RFP for review. Administration spoke with the Committee, indicating that this job needs someone with an electrical background to write up the RFP and asked that the Committee consider U.P. Engineers, as we have a good working record with them; and this would eliminate items being missed. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to authorize seeking Engineering Services through U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. for the Central Dispatch electrical room evaluation, including construction administrative services. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Central Dispatch – Letter of Support to seek 2% Funding for mobile CAD group

The Committee reviewed a letter of support to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors, supporting the mobile CAD group seeking 2% Funding, to help accommodate the upcoming CJIS requirements regarding protecting individual's privacy.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve and authorize Chairman Martin's signature for the Letter of Support to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians seeking 2% Funds for the local mobile CAD group. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Office – Bid Summary – Body Cameras – Total \$154,293.00 five-year contract: MMRMA RAP grants for \$38,472.50 and \$22,642.00 – balance from Special Fund 232 \$93,178.50

The Committee reviewed a quote and request from the Sheriff's Office seeking approval to purchase body cameras for the Sheriff's Office through Lenslock, Inc., after Sheriff's Administration reviewed the needs and spoke with different companies. This quote includes twenty-two (22) body cameras, as body cameras will be implemented in the Chippewa County Correctional Facility. The total five-year quote is \$154,293.00; the Sheriff's Office has written two risk avoidance program (RAP) grants through MMRMA, one covering hardware in the

amount of \$38,472.50 and another covering data storage in the amount of \$22,642.00; if the grants are received the total cost to Special Fund 232 would be \$93,178.50.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the Lenslock, Inc. Quote of \$154,293.00 to purchase twenty-two (22) body cameras along with the necessary accessories, docking stations, software and 60-month hardware warranty and for the remaining balance of the purchase to be paid from Special Fund 232, less the MMRMA RAP grants, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Office – Cancel Johnson Control switch to Convergent for Correctional Facility access control \$12,495.71; with hourly rate of \$179 – 1-year contract

The Committee reviewed the Sheriff's Office request to enter contract with Convergent to provide access control preventative maintenance for the Correctional Facility from November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2026, annual rate of \$12,495.71; with an hourly rate of \$179.00 for items not detailed in the scope of work. This request will cancel the access controls portion of the contract with Johnson Controls; the Sheriff's Office will be working with Johnson Controls to maintain the fire service maintenance needs with Johnson Controls.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the Convergent Correctional Facility contract covering access control maintenance from November 1, 2025, to October 31, 2026, at the cost of \$12,495.71, with an hourly rate of \$179.00 for items not covered in the contracts scope of work, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Information Systems – Release Request for Proposals

LTO 9 Tape Library Backup System

Domain, AD, Microsoft 365 & Email Migration

Verge.IO System

The Committee was asked to approve the release of three requests for proposals for Information Systems.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to release the proposals for the LTO 9 Tape Library backup System, the Domain, AD, Microsoft 365 & Email Migration and the Verge.IO Systems, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Building Department – Update Fee Schedule (effective 9-1-2025)

The Committee received an updated fee schedule for the Building Department, with changes to commercial construction, to match rates with the State of Michigan, and to correct the Bureau of Construction Codes Square Foot Construction Cost Table within the County's BS&A software. Also, included were prior resolutions indicating following the Construction Cost Table from 2021, 2013 and 1997 showing the fee creation.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the updated and corrected Building Department Fee Schedule and to update the Construction Cost Table effective 9-1-2025, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – County Building Mitsubishi heat pump system - \$8,852.00 less \$2,100.00 Cloverland Rebate – Option 2

The Committee reviewed a quote previously emailed and changed to include a heat option for backup; the quote included a Mitsubishi replacement unit for room 207 and 209 in the County Building, with a \$2,100.00 Cloverland Electric rebate; the total cost less rebate will be \$6,752.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the Albert Heating & Cooling proposal – Option 2 for County Building rooms 207 and 209; to replace the Mitsubishi heat pump system; at the cost of \$8,852.00 less a Cloverland Electric rebate of \$2,100.00, net price to the County of \$6,752.00, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Bid Summary for Multifunction Copier Machines \$9,026.42

The Committee reviewed the one bid received to replace multifunction copier/printer machines with long-term maintenance for the Administrator's Office and MSU Co-op Extension Office, including trade-ins of Konica Bizhub 368 and 458, following the County's copier replacement schedule. The bid from National Office Products was timely and met the requirements of the bid.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve and authorize the purchase of two Konica Minolta Bizhub 361I, with varying options, for Administration \$5,076.61 and for MSU Co-op Extension \$3,949.81; a total price of \$9,026.42, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Opioid Settlement – Agreement for Opioid Settlement Fund Management Services to Health Department \$2,500.00 annually

The Committee reviewed an agreement for Chippewa County Health Department to receive \$2,500.00 annually to manage the oversight of remediation services by managing and tracking the distribution of the opioid settlement fund and coordinating and leading the Opioid Settlement Steering Committee. Commissioner Shackleton stated this had already been approved.

Opioid Settlement – FY25 Funding Agreements

Chippewa County Mental Health Court \$23,600.00 – Cost-based Reimbursement

Face Addiction Now (FAN) \$30,690.00 - Fixed Price Lump Sum

50th Circuit Drug Court \$30,700.00 – Cost-based Reimbursement

The Committee reviewed the three FY25 funding agreements that were vetted by legal counsel to ensure alignment with the settlement, two agreements with cost-based reimbursement, CC Mental Health Court for \$23,600.00 and 50th Circuit Drug Court for \$30,700.00 and one fixed price agreement for Face Addiction Now (FAN) for \$30,690.00. Commissioner Knepper gave an update to the Committee regarding the first meeting of the Steering Committee and how he thinks the processes will change with future funding of the Opioid Settlement monies. Commissioner Shackleton thanked Commissioner Knepper for his work and interest in this settlement and Commissioner Martin spoke about the importance of getting these funds used right, as the statistics indicate three hundred deaths per day nationwide.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve and authorize the three FY2025 Opioid Settlement Funding Agreements for: Chippewa County Mental Health Court \$23,600.00 – Cost-based Reimbursement; Face Addiction Now (FAN) \$30,690.00 - Fixed Price Lump Sum, 50th Circuit Drug Court \$30,700.00 – Cost-based Reimbursement, as presented and recommended by the Opioid Settlement Steering Committee. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Finance - Claims and Accounts – July – County and Health Department

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to recommend the approval of July County bills and payroll: general claims \$322,162.53, other fund claims \$970,015.14, payroll \$617,053.04 and Health Department claims \$176,184.51 payroll \$135,243.61 total claims \$2,220,658.83; as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, for the meeting minutes of the Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee for August 12, 2025, be accepted and approved by the board. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND GENERAL COMMENTS

- Commissioner Knepper mentioned the Opioid Steering Committee met for the first time last week. He also mentioned in regards to the comments about the EUPTA Board, he encourages the EUPTA Board and all of the County's committees to make sure they are abiding by the Open Meetings Act.
- Commissioner Shackleton spoke in regards to the public comments on the contaminated wells. He said he spoke to the land owner and Health Department in great lengths, and said it is a tough situation.
- Chairman Martin mentioned the Health Department is doing everything in their power to get the well problem fixed. He understands the well owners' frustration and said the Health Departments is moving as fast as they can dealing with the State.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Lieurance, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to adjourn, accordingly. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The Board adjourned at 5:31 P.M.


Steven Woodgate, Clerk


James Martin, Chairman