

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
June 11, 2020

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 11, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via Zoom. Commissioner Shackleton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Conor Egan.

ALSO, PRESENT: Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk. *Present via Zoom:* Karen Senkus, Jennifer Pierce, Michelle Robbins, Erin Carter, Katie Chipman and Amy Hjerstedt.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the regular County Board meeting minutes of May 14, 2020 as presented. 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 forward as appropriate. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- MSU Director Erin Carter provided an update of all the online programs that are available.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS

(A) 19-20 Resolution 2020-10 Imposing 2020 Property Tax Levy

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to adopt Resolution 2020-10 as follows:

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION # 2020-10

RESOLUTION IMPOSING 2020 PROPERTY TAX LEVY PURSUANT TO MCL 211.24e, 211.34, 211.34d, 211.36, 211.37, and 211.44a, AND NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF 2020 COUNTY TAX LEVY

WHEREAS, CHIPPEWA County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, to levy and collect its allocated and voted property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act has been amended by Public Act 357 of 2004, being MCL 211.44a, to require each Michigan County to levy and collect its allocated millage in the summer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, **6.15 mills**, which is the County allocated millage, after application of the “Headlee” millage reduction fraction shall be levied and collected on July 1, 2020, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other anticipated and authorized County operating millages, i.e., EMS millage of .4275 mill, Road millage of .9879 mill, Recycling Programs millage of .5000 mill, Senior Programs millage of .4994 mill, and Animal Shelter millage of .1 mill, after application of the “Headlee” and other applicable millage reduction fractions, will be levied and collected on December 1, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of each city, village, and township in CHIPPEWA County is directed to account for and deliver the County tax collections for 2020 in accordance with the provisions of statute pertaining to such collections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution constitutes certification of the levy of the County millages as above described and as set forth on the attached 2020 TAX RATE REQUEST (L4029); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution will be delivered to the Treasurer of each City, Village and Township in CHIPPEWA County.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Commissioner McLean:	<i>Ayes</i>
Commissioner Savoie	<i>Ayes</i>
Commissioner Shackleton	<i>Ayes</i>
Chairman Martin:	<i>Ayes</i>

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

(B) Chippewa County EDC – Letter of Support for EDA Grant

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the letter of support for the EDA Grant. Commissioner Mclean reported briefly on the EDC's efforts to construct this building and encouraged his fellow Commissioners to vote yes. On a voice vote, the motion carried. *(see attached letter)*

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2020

Chairman – Commissioner Savoie

AGENDA ITEMS

Health Department – Community Health Services Policy 15.00.031 – Family Planning

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize Community Health Services policy 15.00.031 – Family Planning as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Treasurer – Annual report of Land Sale Proceeds

The Committee received and reviewed the Annual Report of Balance in Land Sale Proceeds Accounts provided by County Treasurer Carmen Fazzari, in accordance with MCL 211.78m (8)(h). The Committee was reminded of the current statewide legal proceedings which could change the outcome based on the Courts decision.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept and approve the Annual Report of Balance in Land Sale Proceeds Accounts, as presented with the amount available to transfer of \$137,771.92 to the general fund by 12/31/2020. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Chippewa County Emergency Declaration Extension

The Local County Emergency Declaration Extension was presented to extend for an additional 28-days, discussion regarding the necessity for the declaration per the Chippewa County emergency Guidelines continue to be active and resources continue to be delivered to those in need of the additional supplies.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to extend the Chippewa County emergency Declaration and additional 28-days, and authorize the Chair to cease the declaration when appropriate. A brief discussion followed. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Finance – Budget Amendments

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the amendments for FY2020 as presented below. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Finance – Budget Amendments

The Committee reviewed the amendments presented for approval.

6/4/2020		Chippewa County Budget Amendments				
Revenue			Original Budget	Amended Budget	Change	Description
101-000-653.000	General Fund	ORV Ordinance Violations	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	Establish
101-000-699.255	General Fund	Transfer in Homestead	0.00	500.00	500.00	Correct 2020 Budget
262-000-543.000	Special Fund	Secondary Road Patrol	60,010.00	74,130.00	14,120.00	Grant Increase
275-000-675.000	Special Fund	Sheriff - Search & Rescue	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Establish Fund
					\$ 15,620.00	
Expenditures						
101-174-730.000	General Fund	Info Sys - Annual Support	214,122.59	220,622.59	6,500.00	BSA/ASI coversion
101-301-742.000	General Fund	Sheriff - gas/oil/maintenance	70,000.00	73,700.00	3,700.00	2017 FORD MVA
101-301-745.000	General Fund	Sheriff-Uniforms & Cleaning	12,000.00	15,100.00	3,100.00	COVID - Masks, PPE's
101-301-955.000	General Fund	Sheriff - Misc	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	Housing Diverted Felon
101-301-979.000	General Fund	Sheriff - Equipment	46,625.00	51,725.00	5,100.00	COVID - PPE's; Ranger equipment; batteries
101-351-744.000	General Fund	Jail - Supplies	20,000.00	20,100.00	100.00	COVID - supplies
101-351-979.000	General Fund	Jail - Machinery & Equipment	21,143.84	22,943.84	1,800.00	COVID Protection Kits
101-878-701.000	General Fund	Legal Services	15,000.00	105,000.00	90,000.00	Meijer - Tax Tribunal
101-885-701.000	General Fund	Computer	48,000.00	59,000.00	11,000.00	CPL Computer & Security Cameras
101-966-701.000	General Fund	Health Department	204,000.00	304,000.00	100,000.00	Food Fees
101-974-998.000	General Fund	Social Services	0.00	20,110.00	20,110.00	Correct 2020 Budget
258-000-979.301	Special Fund	Drug Forfeiture Account	1,750.00	3,550.00	1,800.00	Evidence Lockers
262-000-704.000	Special Fund	SRP - Personnel	108,756.96	122,876.96	14,120.00	Increase Personnel Expenses
275-000-727.000	Special Fund	Sheriff - Search & Rescue	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Establish Fund
					\$ 259,530.00	

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the amendments for FY2020 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Central Dispatch – 2019 Stonegarden Purchases - \$13,480.35

The Committee reviewed the information on four projects, which have been AAF approved, to purchase equipment from the FY18 OPSG Grant Funds. The equipment includes (4) binoculars; night vision (2); infrared cameras (11) and a mobile radio for the vehicle that is to be purchased through FY18 OPSG too. The total cost of the equipment is \$13,480.35.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to authorize \$13,480.35 from the FY2018 OPSG to purchases for binoculars, night vision, infrared cameras and a mobile radio. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Increase CCTV Tunnel, Stairwells & County basement

The Committee reviewed a previously approved project to increase the County Building and Courthouse CCTV; only two quotes were received; and Chippewa County was granted \$3,261.62, from MMRMA through a RAP grant, which expires on September 30, 2020. The Committee discussed the recording capabilities quoted in each; and that the third vendor never responded to the request. These cameras will complete the coverage for the two buildings; and will work with the other two systems Information Systems currently being used.

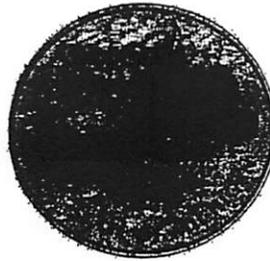
It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the bid from Alert Electronics in the amounts between \$11,350 - \$13,000, with reimbursement of \$3,261.62 from the MMRMA Rap Grant. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Release RFQ's for vehicles and roof resurfacing

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to release the RFQ's as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

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Date: June 11, 2020

Mr. Lee J. Shirey
Economic Development Representative for Michigan and Wisconsin.
U.S. Department of Commerce
Economic Development Administration
230 S. Dearborn Street, Suite 3280
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Mr. Shirey:

On behalf of Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, we are writing to express our strong support of the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation's (CCEDC) application to the Economic Development Administration for a Public Works grant to construct a new industrial building and accompanying rail spur in Kincheloe, MI.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has had a significant impact on rural communities. For the county to attract and facilitate the expansion of its manufacturing base it must have industrial assets to assist in economic recovery in the region. The Public Works grant will allow the CCEDC to construct a new 20,000SF facility that is served by rail. This flexible space will be a premier attraction asset to the community and will ultimately lead to job creation. This new site is centrally located in Chippewa County, two miles from a major interstate, within view of an international airport, and has rail connectivity throughout the United States and Canada.

The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is a unique and beautiful place to live and work with a strong sense of social and economic development support. We applaud the efforts of the CCEDC in taking a leadership role on this project to improve economic conditions in the County and the surrounding area and offer our full support to the CCEDC to apply for this EDA Public Works grant for increasing industrial infrastructure in Chippewa County. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Jim Martin
Chairman

cc: Chris Olson, President Chippewa County EDC

Chippewa County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer

Finance - Claims and Accounts

The Committee reviewed the bills and payroll presented for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to recommend the approval of May County bills and payroll: general claims \$200,726.57 other fund claims \$454,060.91, payroll \$588,610.84 and Health Department claims \$177,162.94 and payroll \$180,594.76 total claims \$1,604,156.02. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the Finance Claims and Accounts meeting minutes of June 4, 2020 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

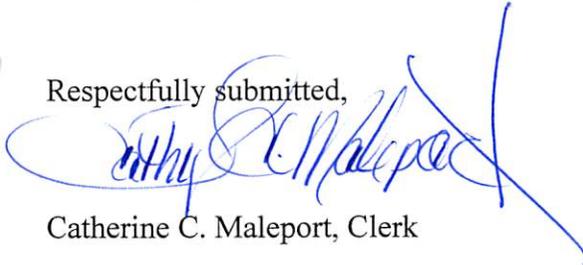
COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Among some of the comments were the following:

- COVID 19 Testing will be taking place at the High School this coming weekend.
- EUPTA Fares will increase July 1, 2020.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk



James Martin, Chairman

PUBLIC HEARING
TRUTH & TAXATION
June 11, 2020
4:30 p.m.

Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Conor Egan

Also Present: Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk- *Present via Zoom*: Jennifer Pierce, Erin Carter, Michelle Robbins, Karen Senkus and Katie Chipman

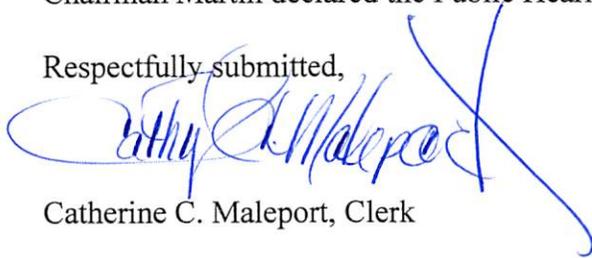
A Truth & Taxation meeting is required in order to qualify for State of Michigan revenue.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed millage rates to be levied in 2020, authorized by statute and by County Board authority, as follows:

ALLOCATED OPERATING	<u>6.1500</u>
FIRE/AMBULANCE	<u>0.4275</u>
ROADS	<u>1.0000</u>
RECYCLING	<u>0.5000</u>
SENIOR PROGRAM	<u>0.5000</u>
ANIMAL SHELTER	<u>0.1000</u>

Public comments were invited by the Chair on three separate occasions; hearing no comments, Chairman Martin declared the Public Hearing closed at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk



James Martin, Chairman