

# FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2020

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners' Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee was held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at the Chippewa County Building in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Don McLean, Robert Savoie and Conor Egan

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Karen Senkus, Lana Forrest, Margaret Smith, Tim Moher, Tracey Holt, Nancy Miller, Chuck Leonhardt, Tony McLain, Heidi Bailey, Mike Bitnar, Bridget Smith, Jim German and Kelly Church

### Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Mclean, to approve the amended agenda adding 6-2-e War Memorial Hospital appointment. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

### Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

### Correspondence and Informational Items

The Committee reviewed the Treasurer's investment reports, the monthly travel report, the VISA billing, the Health Department's Healthcare First summary, 44North Prescription Savings, Secondary Road Patrol grant update and RHFV/DTRF Quarterly reports.

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### Health Department

##### Medical Examiner Annual Insurance Renewal - \$5,426.80

##### 2019-2022 Community Health Improvement Plan approval

The committee reviewed the medical examiner annual insurance renewal and the Health Department's request to approve the Chippewa County Community Health Improvement Plan 2019-2022.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner McLean, to approve and authorize the Medical Examiner's annual Insurance Renewal with Admiral Insurance Company in the amount of \$5,426.80 and to approve the Chippewa County Community Health Improvement Plan 2019-2022, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

##### Administration - Increase Security – Camera quote \$9,883.70

The Committee was updated on the current lack of security cameras in the County basement, the tunnel, stairwells and the discussion lead to cameras in the elevators; There is a need to update the camera systems; a RAP Grant through MMRMA has been submitted, with 25% reimbursement possible. The quotes will come back to the Finance Committee for final approval. Discussion also included liability and monitoring.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to have Administration get three quotes, to updated the security cameras to include the blind spaces noted, and to include quotes for including the elevators. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

**Administration - Northern Transitions, Inc and County of Chippewa Recycling Property Lease renewal**

The Committee reviewed the updated property lease between Northern Transitions and the County of Chippewa Recycling Committee; the lease is currently \$36,000, presented with an effective date of March 1, 2020 until February 28, 2024. Discussion followed with regards to changing the lease to match the dates of the Recycling Program Proposition Millage dates; the millage fund 2018,2019,2020 and 2021; so, funding is collected until 2022.

**It was moved by Commissioner McLean, supported by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize the Property Lease between Northern Transitions and the County of Chippewa Recycling Committee, for \$36,000.00; and to change the end date of the lease to match the millage, that date being December 31, 2022. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Administration – Remonumentation Office Rent Agreement \$3,900.00**

The Committee reviewed the Rent Agreement to William and Carol Karr to be paid from the Remonumentation Program in the amount of \$3,900.00; which is an increase due to added utilities.

**It was moved by Commissioner McLean, supported by Commissioner Savoie, to approve and authorize the Rent Agreement from William and Carol Karr, in the amount of \$3,900.00 to be paid from the Remonumentation Program. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Administration – Road Sheriff Deputy re-hire at 2-year rate request**

The Committee reviewed a request to re-hire Deputy Justin Fruchey at the 2-year rate of pay, as he is fully trained and certified for Road Deputy duties. Deputy Fruchey has previously been employed with Chippewa County for over 8 years, and resigned in May of 2019, for family reasons and would like to return to work with the County. Discussion followed.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Egan, to re-instate Deputy Justin Fruchey at the 3-year rate, including vacation and sick time. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**Administration – War Memorial Hospital Appointment**

The Committee was updated on the War Memorial Hospital Nominee not being accepted by the WMH Nominating Committee; and the need to re-advertise for the position. Discussion followed.

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner McLean, to re-advertise and seek new applications of interest for the WMH position, as well as, any other open positions not filled previously; to accept the nominations at the March Finance Committee meeting and to make the appointments at the March regular meeting. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.**

**CLOSED SESSION – Future Contract Negotiations**

**It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner McLean, at 5:16 p.m. to move into closed session to discuss future contract negotiations. On a roll call vote, 5-0, the motion CARRIED.**

**Chairman Martin declared the closed session ending at 5:54 p.m.**

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Egan, to reconvene the Finance Committee meeting at 5:55 p.m. On a roll call vote 5-0, the motion CARRIED.**

**It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Savoie, to authorize Administration to offer a wage re-opener with the Local 406 (Teamsters) County Health Department Unit. 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 Savoie, supported by Commissioner McLean, to recommend the approval of January bills and payroll as follow: the general claims totaling \$465,644.49 other fund claims \$1,664,949.17, payroll \$1,141,889.65, Health Department claims \$221,330.40 and Health Department payroll \$201,653.62 total claims \$3,695,467.33. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

### Committee and Chairman Comments

Commissioner Savoie gave an update from the 9-1-1 Committee meeting, regarding the need to increase the surcharge for E 9-1-1, as new equipment will be need, as the current equipment is 20 years old; and the revenue from the per device charge that has dropped significantly, as so many residents have eliminated their land lines.

Commissioner Martin briefly discussed 2% SSM Tribe of Chippewa Indians funds.

Commissioner McLean brought up the Senior Meals millage with regards to a possible request increase to cover all the programs, including 'Take Five' and the 'Home Aide'; discussion followed.

Commissioner McLean then brought up the EUP Transportation Authority about getting answers to the fundamentals of the rate restructure and the information and misinformation that is currently being discussed. Discussion with the Committee continued regarding economic impact study, the inequality of the rate increases, financial liabilities with regards of the OPEB and retirement to the County. The fare rate increase has caused added discord between the islands; with there being perceptions of winners and losers.

The liability discussion included Senior Meals, Chippewa County Road Commission, Chippewa County EDC and Michigan Works.

### Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, supported by Commissioner Savoie to adjourn.

Chairman Martin declared the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.



Kelly J. Church, Recorder



Jim Martin, Chairman.