

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
March 12, 2020

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, March 12, 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 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Savoie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Jim Martin, Commissioners Don McLean, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton.
Commissioner Egan arrived at 4:39 p.m.

ALSO, PRESENT: Nathan Michels – U.S. Census, Bonnie Kaunisto Akemi Gordon, Lana Steinhaus, Karen Senkus, Undersheriff Greg Postma, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to nominate Commissioner McLean as Vice Chair, hearing no further nominations, the motion carried unanimously.

Yeas: Commissioners Martin, McLean, Savoie and Shackleton

Nays: None

Commissioner McLean was declared Vice-Chair for the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the regular County Board meeting minutes of February 13, 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 Shackleton, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the clerk's office and forward as appropriate.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Nathan Michaels** a Census representative for Chippewa County appeared before the Board to report

that the Census is here, and that people can respond either by mail, phone, or by internet. He stated that residents will be getting mailers to respond to the census sometime this week and explained that the Census is the backbone of much of the data we need to provide funding as well as representation in our legislative process. Mr. Michaels also noted that they are doing some hiring at \$21.00 an hour, .58 cents a mile.

- **Karen Senkus and Lana Steinhaus** from the Health Department appeared before the Board to provide updates on the Coronavirus pandemic.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Provided for informational purposes only - *no action items*.

NEW BUSINESS

EUP Transportation Authority – One Appointment Needed Expires 12/31/2020 to fill vacancy of Robert Laitinen.

Candidates: G. Dennis Bailey, Patrick Gagliardi, Lynda Garlitz, James German, Joseph Henne, Jesse Knoll and Ted Postula

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Chairman Martin:	<i>Lynda Garlitz</i>
Commissioner McLean:	<i>James German</i>
Commissioner Savoie	<i>Lynda Garlitz</i>
Commissioner Shackleton	<i>Lynda Garlitz</i>

Having received the majority vote, Lynda Garlitz was appointed to the EUP Transportation Authority Board for a term **to expire December 31, 2020.**

Department of Veterans Affairs – One Appointment Needed – Expires 3/31/2021

Candidates: Robert Savoie

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to cast a unanimous ballot for Robert Savoie.

Yeas: Commissioners Martin, McLean, Savoie, and Shackleton

Nays: None

Having received a unanimous ballot, Robert Savoie was appointed to the Department of Veterans Affairs Board for a term **to expire March 31, 2021.**

War Memorial Hospital – One Appointment Needed – Expires 12/31/2023

Candidates: Anthony Andary, Conor Egan, Thomas Farnquist, Jaimee Gerrie, Raymond Johnson, Bradley Ormsbee, Charles Palmer and Ted Postula

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Chairman Martin: *Charles Palmer*
Commissioner McLean: *Tony Andary*
Commissioner Savoie: *Charles Palmer*
Commissioner Shackleton: *Charles Palmer*

Charles Palmer, having received the majority vote, was appointed to the War Memorial Hospital Board for a term **to expire December 31, 2023.**

Chippewa County EDC – letter of support for placement of Telemetry Autonomous Communication and Control command at CIU (see attached)

Commissioner McLean reported that this is part of the Michigan Launch Initiative, there were initially two components, the vertical launch, and the horizontal launch. The horizontal launch initiative has been designated as going to Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda. The vertical launch is still undecided. They indicated that there would be a separate command control center that would be awarded to someplace. He explained that this is a letter stating that the County Commission supports the location of that Command Center.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to support for the placement of Telemetry Autonomous Communication and Control command at the Chippewa County International Airport.

(a) Resolution 2020-06 Emergency Management and Safe Schools

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to adopt Resolution 2020-06 as follows:

Resolution N. 2020-06

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SAFE SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Office of School Safety created under Michigan Public Act (PA) 435 of 2018, alongside Michigan Public Act 670 of 2018, identifies the department of Michigan State Police as being the exclusive agency responsible for all Michigan schools with respect to, but not limited to education, training, reporting, and building assessments pertaining to safety and security using an all-hazards approach; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Peninsula (Region 8) Public Act 390 programs, have been undertaking safe school training and safe school professional development since 2005; and

WHEREAS, current Michigan law requires Emergency Management to oversee school drills; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of school safety to the department of Michigan State Police circumvents the underlying core function of emergency management, which is placing school safety programs under the umbrella of all-hazards emergency management planning; and

WHEREAS, local responders and local Public Act 390 emergency management programs are far more aware of school dynamics, as they have on-going working relationships with school staff, regularly communicate, plan, and exercise emergency action plans with said schools; and

WHEREAS, funds for a new division could be better used by redistributing to existing local emergency management Public Act 390 programs that are already providing safe school protocols in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Office of School Safety should be established within the Michigan State Police department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (MSP EMHSD), which under Michigan Public Act 390 of 1978 statutorily appoints the MSP EMHSD as the administrator of emergency management within Michigan and the fiduciary for the distribution of grant monies across all of Michigan's 83 counties in collaboration with local emergency managers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Chippewa County requests the Michigan Legislature amend the Office of School Safety placing it within the MSP EMHSD to coordinate the distribution of school security funds with local community response personnel and local Public Act 390 emergency managers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the resolution be forwarded to all Upper Peninsula counties, the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP), the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Association of Counties, Upper Peninsula Legislators, and Governor Whitmer.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Martin, McLean, Savoie, and Shackleton

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

(a) Resolution 2020-07 MSP Sergeant William H. Smith

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Egan to adopt Resolution 2020-07 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-07

**RESOLUTION IN APPRECIATION
OF MSP SERGEANT WILLIAM H. SMITH**

WHEREAS, *Sergeant William H. Smith* will retire from service with the Michigan State Police, effective March 31, 2020 after 26 years of service; and

WHEREAS, *Sergeant William H. Smith* has worked diligently and tirelessly at upholding and protecting the citizens of the State of Michigan through his positions with the Michigan State Police, during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, *Sergeant William H. Smith* has served the State of Michigan in the following service areas: Wakefield Post, CID-UPSET, Negaunee Post, Sault Ste. Marie Post, Gladstone Post, Lansing headquarters, Gaylord Post, Fire Investigation Unit-7th District, Metro South Post, St. Ignace Post and will finish his career from the Sault Ste. Marie Post, March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, *Sergeant William H. Smith* during his career was honored for Professional Excellence in both 1999 and 2012 and is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #115.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners respectfully dedicates this document to honor and thank ***Sergeant William H. Smith*** for his many years of public service with the State of Michigan and especially for his work in Chippewa County.
2. That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners extends their best wishes to ***Sergeant William H. Smith*** for many years of enjoyment in his retirement.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Commissioners Egan, Martin, McLean, Savoie and Commissioner Shackleton

NAYS: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Chairman's Appointments

Chairman Martin made the following appointments:

- **Chippewa County Recycling Committee Board Chair** Grant - *Jim German*
- **Finance Chair** – *Commissioner Savoie, Vice Chair Commissioner McLean*
- **Building and Grounds and Jail/Legislative and Natural Resources/Information Technology** *Commissioner Savoie, Chairman, Committee members ~ Commissioner McLean* will remain on that Board and *Commissioner Shackleton* will be placed on the Board.

MEETING SCHEDULE TIME CHANGE FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

Chairman Martin announced the following changes to the meeting times in regards to the *September*

and *October* Board meetings.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

The changes are reflected with an asterisk

February 13, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.

March 12, 2020-4:30 p.m.

April 9, 2020-4:30 p.m.

May 14, 2020-4:30 p.m.

June 11, 2020

July 16, 2020-2:00 p.m. (*Third Thursday*)

August 13, 2020-2:00 p.m.

September 10, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

*October 15, 2020-5:30 p.m. (*Third Thursday*)*

November 12, 2020-4:30 p.m.

December 17, 2020-4:30 p.m. (*Third Thursday*)

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 6, 2020-4:30 p.m.

March 5, 2020-4:30 p.m.

April 2, 2020-4:30 p.m.

May 7, 2020-4:30 p.m.

June 4, 2020-4:30 p.m.

July 9, 2020-2:00 p.m. (*Second Thursday*)

August 6, 2020-2:00 p.m.

September 3, 2020-5:30 p.m.

*October 8, 2020-5:30 p.m. (*Second Thursday*)*

November 5, 2020-4:30 p.m.

December 10, 2020-4:30 p.m. (*Second Thursday*)

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to accept the meeting times as reflected by the Chair. A brief discussion followed.

EUPTA Resignation Jennifer McLeod

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to accept Ms. McLeod's resignation and to send her a thank you letter for her service.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to waive the Board's appointment rules and make a second appointment to the EUPTA Board.

After brief discussion which included that the Board now has a representative from Sugar Island and a fresh batch of candidates; it was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to waive the rules and complete the appointment for the EUPTA Board, recognizing that it does require a two-thirds vote.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Yeas: Commissioner Shackleton and Commissioner Savoie

Nays: Commissioners Egan, Martin and McLean

The motion was Declared Failed.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to post the EUPTA Board member position and have the application deadline be prior to next month's Finance meeting. The applications would be accepted at the Finance meeting and the position would be filled at next

month's regular Board meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2020

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to accept the advice of counsel regarding the settlement discussion of the case *Keller vs. Scharrer, et al. Case No. 19-15802-NO*, within the specific parameter discussed during the closed session as part of the County's trial and/or settlement strategy. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

AGENDA ITEMS

Health Department

Patagonia Health, Integrated Electronic Health Record (EHR) Software, purchase \$76,540.00, waive purchasing policy

The committee reviewed the electronic health record (EHR) request for public health, which has been researched extensively by administration and the end users. The 5-year cost of the contract is \$195,780.91, the migration to Patagonia, will actually be a cost savings; as the Health Department, received \$50,000 from the SOM for implementation of the new software; and along with the reduced maintenance cost will actually lower the operational budget in the future.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize the purchase, and waiving of Policy 242, for the Patagonia Health, Integrated Electronic Health Record (EHR) Software, for public health, at the price of \$76,540.00 (and 5-year price of \$195,780.91). On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Workers' Compensation Renewal \$17,967

The Committee reviewed the renewal of the Health Department's Workers' Compensation renewal through the Accident Fund; the renewal is \$17,967, an increase of \$195 annually.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve and authorize the Workers' Compensation renewal with the Accident Fund for the Health Department at a cost of \$17,967. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Financial Policy, Hospice Charity Care

The Committee reviewed a new policy that will assure Hospice service availability to all residents in the Chippewa County service area; CCHD will assume the financial responsibility for all patient costs affiliated with hospice care if a patient does not have the ability to pay.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve Policy 2.02.004 Fees and Rates, Hospice Charity Care, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – UP Environmental Health Code Chippewa County -review and approve for Public Comment period.

The Committee previously received the 54-page document to update the Superior Environment Health Code, with funding provided by the SOM-MDHHS for cross-jurisdictional efforts in public health. The proposed code will cover well and septic systems, for single and two-family residences, and clarifies

commercial, septic system permitting and covers clarification on laws for public health nuisances, food services, campgrounds, body art, cemeteries, clandestine drug labs and public swimming pools. The Committee was asked to review and authorize a public comment period; the Health Department has asked that period be April 1 through May 15, to allow residents to return north from their winter breaks to have adequate time to review the new code. The Code would go into effect January 1, 2021.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to approve and authorize the public comment period to be April 1 through May 15, on the proposed updated UP Environmental Health Code Chippewa. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Surveyor – 2020 Survey and Remonumentation - \$115,898

The 2020 Survey and Remonumentation Grant from the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation was approved at the December 19, 2019 Commission meeting; in the amount of \$100,898 with Chippewa County contributing \$15,000 for total FY2020 project amount of \$115,898. Before the Committee are the contracts' for the 2020 Remonumentation Program which include:

- \$24,498 for William L. Karr, PS, Chippewa County Surveyor to oversee administration,
- \$48,000 for Rogers Land Surveying to complete 20 corners,
- \$33,600 for Alpine Engineering to complete 21 corners,
- \$5,000 for William L. Karr, Chippewa County Surveyor to perform monument maintenance, and
- \$4,800 divided among five Peer Review Professional Surveyors: Jeff Davis, P.S., Great Lakes Surveying; Neil Hill, P.S., Mackinac County Land Surveying; Erik Lewicki, P.S., Forsight Land Surveying; Ginger L. Michalski-Wallace, P.S., Alpine Engineering; Larry Rogers, P.S., Rogers Land Surveying and Lawrence Weinreis, P.S., M.D.O.T.; all the documents need to be approved and authorized for signature by the Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the Program Representative contract in the amount of \$24,498 for William L. Karr, P.S., Chippewa County Surveyor; to approve two Monumentation contracts one for \$48,000 for 30 corners to Rogers Land Surveying, and \$33,600 for 21 corners to Alpine Engineering; approve one Maintenance Monumentation contract in the amount of \$5,000 for William L. Karr, P.S., Chippewa County Surveyor and to approve five Professional Service Agreements for the Peer Review Surveyors, total not to exceed \$4,800 for the following Surveyors: Jeff Davis, P.S., Great Lakes Surveying; Neil Hill, P.S., Mackinac County Land Surveying; Ginger L. Michalski-Wallace, P.S., Alpine Engineering; Larry Rogers, P.S., Rogers Land Surveying and Lawrence Weinreis, P.S., M.D.O.T. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff – Taser Purchase, budgeted, \$26,624.00, waive purchasing policy

The Committee reviewed a quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc., regarding the purchase of fourteen (14) T-60 Tasers, with a 4-year warranty, battery packs, cartridges and holsters at the cost of \$26,624.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the purchase of fourteen (14) T-60 Tasers with warranty and supplies, and to waive the County's purchasing policy, for \$26,624.00 to Axon Enterprise, Inc. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Approve Release of RFO's

- Dodge Charger, police package

- Ford utility police interceptor SUV
- 2020, 12 Passenger Van
- 2020, 1 Ton Quad Cab Truck (Stonegarden)

The Committee reviewed RFQ's to be released.

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

Administration – Financial Management Policy 316 Petty Cash Fund, new policy.

The Committee reviewed a new County policy regarding the handling of petty cash and new form to be used when turning in receipts to replenish petty cash.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve Policy 316 Petty Cash Fund as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Small Cities – Non Diminishing Loan – back taxes request.

The Committee received a request to waive a partial amount of a Non-Diminishing mortgage records in May of 2004, through the Community Home Improvement's program with Community Action Agency for \$20,887.65. This property is scheduled to be foreclosed on March 31, 2020, for lack of payment in taxes; taxes are due in the amount of \$2,184.72. The property also has a mortgage regarding taxes for \$1,749.29 with the Michigan's Hardest Hit program. A settlement offer has been made for \$8,000 to clear the Community Home Improvement Non-Diminishing mortgage, including the recording; and the new owner to pay the taxes, the Michigan's Hardest Hit mortgage and the recording fees for the quitclaim deed. If this property goes back on taxes the County will not recoup any funds on the mortgage.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the settlement agreement as proposed, accepting \$8,000 to clear the Non-Diminishing mortgage from May 2004; with the new owners being responsible for the back taxes and the other mortgage associated with the Hulbert Township property number: 007-356-006-00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – I-Pads for Commissioners

A discussion on communication and technology support for the Commissioners and Administrator German took place, concerning secured and unsecured emailing, functions, and capabilities of communication between Commissioners, with the potential need for I-Pads; or being able to use the Information Systems personnel to handle set-up of the Commissioners laptops//phones/printers, if help is needed.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, the Commissioners and Administration be able to utilize Information Systems personnel to assist with County related technology setup/inquires support. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Finance Claims and Accounts

The Committee reviewed the bills and payroll presented for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to recommend the approval of February County bills and payroll as follows: general claims of \$193,232,95, other fund

claims of \$953,331.66, payroll of \$767,817.26, and the approval of January and February bills and payroll Health Department claims of \$493,959.12 and payroll of \$407,866.86, total claims \$2,816,207.85. On a voice vote, the motion carried. .

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to accept the March 5, 2020 Finance Claims and Accounts Meeting Minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL
COMMENTS

Among some of the comments were the following:

- **Commissioner McLean** reported on the Ice Breaking Committee and the process of working with the Coast Guard. He also reported on the projects the Harbor Safety Committee is in the process of undertaking.
- Chairman Martin reminded everyone to get their information from the Health Department and the CDC, not the Rants and Raves or Facebook.

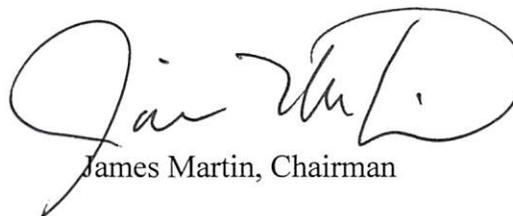
He also thanked Commissioner Shackleton for his even-handed leadership, his fairness, and his level-headedness, no matter how emotional things got. Additionally, he thanked his fellow Commissioners for entrusting him with the Chair-position.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner McLean to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk



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Mr. Gavin Brown
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RE: Letter of support for placement of Telemetry Autonomous Communication and Control Command Center at Chippewa County International Airport (CIU)

Dear Mr. Brown:

On behalf of Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, we are writing to express our support of Chippewa County International Airport (CIU) to be named as "Telemetry Autonomous Communication and Control Command Center" to be located in Chippewa County to support satellite launch activities in the state of Michigan. Placement of such a control center at (CIU) would meet the plans of the Michigan Launch Initiative (MLI).

As you are aware CIU is currently under site consideration for the Michigan Launch Initiative (MLI). We feel that positioning the control and command center at a central location such as CIU would further the case for a Michigan based FAA spaceport license. In addition, the telemetry autonomous communications will align with the current automotive testing that exists throughout the region.

CIU has optimal access to the northern polar orbit, access to a major interstate, commercial airport, county and private financial support, top rated universities, accessible secure locations, invested partnerships with tribal leadership, and a close connection with Canada provides an ideal U.P. location for a control and command center. CIU's goal would be to establish a premier case for Michigan to become a FAA licensed spaceport.

The Upper Peninsula is a unique and beautiful place to live and work with a strong sense of social and economic development support. CIU hopes that we can share in your vision for creating Michigan as an aerospace leader for LEO and MEO launch operations in the U.P. Please contact me if have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jim Martin, Chair
Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

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