

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session  
April 17, 2020

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, March 17, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the 91<sup>st</sup> District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via Zoom. Commissioner McLean led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Conor Egan, *via Zoom*, Don McLean, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton and Chairman Jim Martin.

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Karen Senkus, Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk. *Present via Zoom:* Craig Hoffman, Dwayne Matkovich, Erin Carter, John Waltman, Kathryn Jacques, Michelle Robbins, Patti Kiczenski, Lynda Garlitz, and Taylor Worsham

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to add under New Business A (1) E.U.P. Transportation Authority Discussion.

It was moved by McLean, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, 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 Savoie, to approve the regular County Board meeting minutes of March 12, 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**

- **Erin Carter**, a Michigan State University Extension representative, appeared before the Board to provide an update on opportunities/programs that are available for our community to utilize through MSU extension.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**(A) Appointment to Eastern Upper Peninsula Transportation Authority – fill vacancy that expires 12-31-2021**

*Candidates: G. Dennis Bailey, James German, Joseph Henne, Jesse Knoll and Ted Postula*

**A roll call vote was taken as follows:**

Commissioner Egan: *Jim German*  
Chairman Martin: *Jim German*  
Commissioner McLean: *Jim German*  
Commissioner Savoie: *Jim German*  
Commissioner Shackleton: *Jim German*

Mr. German having received a unanimous vote, was appointed to the EUP Transportation Authority Board for a term **to expire December 31, 2021.**

**(A) 1 E.U.P. Transportation Authority Discussion added to the agenda**

Discussion on the E.U.P. Transportation Authority Board yielded the consensus that the Board is not capable of going forward in a productive approach and in need of a reset.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to waive the Board's policies, remove Commissioner Egan from the EUPTA Board, and proceed with a vote to fill that vacancy immediately.

**A roll call vote was taken as follows to remove Commissioner Egan from the EUPTA Board**

Commissioner Egan: *Nay*  
Chairman Martin: *Ayes*  
Commissioner McLean: *Ayes*  
Commissioner Savoie: *Ayes*  
Commissioner Shackleton: *Ayes*

**A roll call vote was taken as follows to fill the vacancy**

Commissioner Egan: *Dennis Bailey*  
Chairman Martin: *Joseph Henne*  
Commissioner McLean: *Joseph Henne*  
Commissioner Savoie: *Joseph Henne*  
Commissioner Shackleton: *Joseph Henne*

Joseph Henne having received the majority vote, was appointed to the EUP Transportation Authority Board for a term to expire 12/31/2022.

**B) Resolution 2020-08 Submitting to a Vote the Electorate Authorization of the Telephone Surcharge for Emergency Telephone Services (9-1-1 Services)**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to adopt Resolution 2020-08 as follows: A brief discussion followed.

## CHIPPEWA COUNTY

### Central Dispatch 9-1-1 System Surcharge

**(This proposal will permit the County to increase the monthly charge on landline, wireless, and voice-over-internet protocol service users within the County to provide funding for 9-1-1 Emergency dispatching services within the County)**

Shall the County of CHIPPEWA, Michigan, be authorized to increase the charge on all landline, wireless, and voice over internet protocol service users located in Chippewa County to an amount not greater than \$2.75 per month, to be used exclusively for the funding of 9-1-1 emergency telephone call answering and dispatch services within CHIPPEWA County, including facilities, equipment, maintenance, and operating costs?

#### **A roll call vote was taken as follows:**

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

#### **THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2020

*Chairman – Commissioner Savoie*

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **Health Department – Policies Approval**

The committee addressed five policies from the Health Department for approval: #7.01.052 and #7.01.065 – Tele-health Services, #7.01.064 – Appointment Reminders, #2.02.002 – Cost Allocation and #15.00.031 – 340B Pharmaceutical to be approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve and authorize polices: #7.01.052 and #7.01.065 – Tele-health Services, #7.01.064 – Appointment Reminders, #2.02.002 – Cost Allocation #15.00.031 – 340B Pharmaceutical as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

##### **Health Department – Fees – Food Licenses**

The Committee reviewed information regarding all fixed food and special transitory food services

(STFU) license which begin on May 1<sup>st</sup> and expire April 30 the following year. The Health Department sent out 175 STFU letters County wide. Commissioner Martin addressed the trying times for the small local businesses, which need help now; as projections indicate that 10-30% of the local small businesses will be lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The loss in revenue from the STFU for the one-time, first inspection only fees will be paid from the County's fund balance. Discussion of prorating the fees, refunding those businesses that have already paid and accounting of this waiving of fees was discussed.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve and authorize the Health Department to waive the annual food licensing fees for fixed food facilities, special transitory food units (STFUs), and temporary food service events for the food licensing year running from May 1, 2020, to April 30, 2021. Those food facilities that have already paid for their food license renewal will receive a refund in the mail.

On a voice vote, the motion carried. (4-1 Commissioner Shackleton abstaining)

### **Surveyor – 2020 Revised Monumentation and Remonumentation Plan Chippewa County**

The 2020 Revised Monumentation and Remonumentation Plan was presented to the Committee for review; the intent of the review and revision is to assess its validity and modify for technologies.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the 2020 Revised Monumentation and Remonumentation Plan for Chippewa County as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Equalization – 2020 Equalized and Tentative Taxable Values**

Equalization Director Sharon Kennedy sent the 2020 County Equalized Values. The County's Equalized Value increased by \$57,089,565 or 4.18% over 2019's Equalized Values. The total 2020 Tentative Taxable Value for the county is \$1,179,042,614 which is an increase of \$26,984,949 or 2.34%. Ms. Kennedy also asked that a Truth in Taxation Public hearing be held at the June 2020 Regular Board meeting. The Committee thanked and complimented Sharon Kennedy for her work.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, that the equalized values as presented by Equalization Director Sharon Kennedy be adopted, as reported, and that all state required forms regarding same be completed and filed as required by statute, and to establish the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. 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, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to recommend the approval of March County bills and payroll: general claims of \$317,163.50 other fund claims of \$875,704.36, payroll of \$512,502.77, and the approval of March bills and payroll Health Department claims of \$212,576.12 and \$180,303.40 total claims of \$2,098,250.15. 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 April 14, 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:

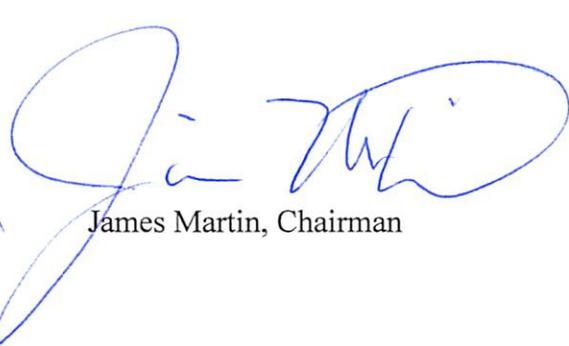
- **Commissioner McLean** noted that the EDC, even during this crisis, is still moving along having a number of meetings via zoom and hoped that they would be able to announce some good things in the next couple of months. Commissioner McLean also provided a brief report on the Chippewa County International Airport.
- **Commissioner Shackleton** reported on the War Memorial Board Hospital noting that they've done extraordinary things in preparation should things go poorly here in Chippewa County relative to Covid-19. He further pointed out that the hospital is virtually at a standstill except for emergency services and how that is affecting the bottom line in regards to finances.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner McLean to adjourn. The Board adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk



James Martin, Chairman