

FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 5th, 2013

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners' Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee was held on Thursday, September 5th, 2013 at the Chippewa County Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Cooper, Scott Shackleton, George Kinsella, Don Mclean and Ted Postula

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Noel, Margie Hank, Chuck Leonhardt, Brian Bartlett, Dave Pietrangelo, Chris Lundquist, Nathan Fazer, Heidi Bailey, Cathy Maleport, Jim German and Kelly Church

Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

None

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comment

Nathan Fazer gave an update on GIS and Kathy Noel gave a presentation on airport services.

Correspondence and Informational Items

The Committee received the monthly Treasurer's report, bid summary sale for used patrol cars and the monthly travel report.

AGENDA ITEMS

Secondary Road Patrol Application Approval

The Committee reviewed the application for the Secondary Road Patrol application and agreement.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the application and agreement for signature for the Secondary Road Patrol from the Michigan State Police. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Fiber Optic Proposal

The Committee reviewed a proposal from building and grounds to move the County to a fiber backbone. The cost would be an additional \$500.00 per month and a one time fee of \$750.00.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, supported by Commissioner Kinsella, to upgrade our communication and internet backbone from a Charter backbone/cable modem to a PFN/fiber optic backbone done through our current vendor of D.S. Tech. Also to include a budget adjustment for information systems of \$500.00 per month and a one time fee of \$750.00. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

RFP For Snowplowing Bids

The RFP for snowplowing bids was presented for release for the Courthouse, County Building, Central Dispatch and animal shelter.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, supported by Commissioner Postula, to approve the release of the RFP for snowplowing for the FY2013/14 season. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

August 6th Special Election Funding

The Committee reviewed the bill for the special election for Community Action in the amount of \$21,954.79 of which \$4,162.64 was for ballots and equipment. The rest of the bill was for precincts in the City and the Townships. A discussion ensued. No action was taken.

MERS vs. OPEB Funding

The Committee discussed setting up a trust for unfunded future liabilities.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, supported by Commissioner McLean, to have the administration look into what possibilities were available with different types of trusts for unfunded liabilities. 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 Shackleton , supported by Commissioner McLean, to recommend the approval of the general claims totaling \$262,895.73 other fund claims \$273,327.46 payroll \$427,532.24 and Health Department claims \$520,166.39 total claims \$1,483,921.82 and voucher H-1 through H-327. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee and Chairman's Comments

No additional comments were offered by the Committee or by the Chairman.

Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, supported by Commissioner McLean, to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Cooper declared the meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Jim German, Administrator

Don Cooper, Chairman