

Personnel/Equalization/Health and Social Services Committee
Meeting Minutes

July 23rd, 2013

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners Personnel/Equalization/Health and Social Services Committee was held on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2013 at the Chippewa County Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Kinsella called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don McLean, Ted Postula and George Kinsella

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim German County Administrator, Tim McKee Sheriff Savoie and Under Sheriff Mike Bitnar.

Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

Administrator German asked to add a report on Worker's Compensation and Bench Marketing Analysis and discussions on sharing equalization services with the City to the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Postula, supported by Commissioner McLean to accept the agenda as amended. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Public Comments:

None

Agenda Items

Veteran Affairs Counselor

Administrator German noted that the Veterans Affairs Committee had accepted Beth Yeack as the new Veteran's Affairs Counselor. Ms. Yeack will be starting on July 29th so that training can be accomplished.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, supported by Commissioner Postula, to concur with the Veteran Affairs Committee and hire Beth Yeack as the new Veteran Affairs Counselor at a Grade Level nine (9) start rate. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Part Time Policy - 241

The Committee had discussions on waiving the part time policy 241 which states employees will only be allowed to work 29 hours per week until next May 2014 since penalties for the Affordable Health Care Act had been waved for a year on the Employer Mandate section.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, supported by Commissioner Postula to approve waiving Policy 241 until May 2014. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Prosecutor Personnel

Administrator German noted that Eliza Carte had been promoted to the Legal Secretary II position at the Prosecutor's Office. He also noted that her replacement has been advertised.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, supported by Commissioner Postula to accept the promotion of Eliza Carte to a Legal Secretary II position in the Prosecutor's office, effective July 1, 2013, and to following policy 214, with regards to the wages. On a voice vote the motion CARRIED.

MERS Conference

Mr. German asked to attend the MERS conference in October and be named as an Officer Delegate. The travel request will be placed on the Finance agenda for August.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, supported by Commissioner Postula, to allow the Administrator German to attend the MERS conference as the Officer Delegate from Chippewa County. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Workers' Compensation and Bench Marketing Analysis Report

Deputy Church noted the above report. It was a good report with some recommendations. A discussion ensued and it was noted a recommendation for post-accident drug testing be implemented, for major accidents. Also it was noted that Chippewa County claims history remains lower than comparable counties. No action was taken.

City Equalization Department

Administrator German noted that the City had an unexpected retirement of their Assessor and preliminary talks were underway to see about consolidation of some services; if it would benefit both entities. No action was taken.

Committee and Chairman's Comments

Commissioner Kinsella noted three problems. Drainage in Dafter Township, Brimley State Park Water quality problems and Whiskey River navigation problems.

Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Postula, to adjourn the meeting. On a voice vote, the motion was CARRIED.

Chairperson Kinsella declared the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.



Jim German, Administrator



George Kinsella, Chairperson