

**Building Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and
Information Technology Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 27th, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners' Building, Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and Information Technology Committee was held on Thursday, February 27th, 2014 at the Chippewa County Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman McLean called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don McLean, and Ted Postula

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Kinsella

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim German, Jim Smith, Jim Whittinghill, Ed Detour and Joel Krupta.

Additions / Deletions to the Agenda

None

Public Comments

None

Agenda Items

Recycle

Mr. Smith and Mr. Whittinghill asked the Committee to take bids on the Recycle Program for disposal and pick up. Mr. Smith would pick up the recycle and deliver it to Mr. Whittinghill's business in Eagle River. They estimated they could save the County hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, make things easier for the customer with single stream line recycling and provide better service to the townships.

The Committee and the Administrator asked various questions of all present, including how many jobs would be created at Smith Sanitation (1) and how many jobs at NTI would be lost (\$350, 000 payroll). Also what would happen to the HBH patients and volunteers from Michigan Works and other places. Mr. Whittinghill noted that the money saved by the County from the millage could be used to train those workers for other jobs. The administrator disagreed saying the millage was for recycle only. Mr. Smith noted that he didn't feel taxes should be used to create those jobs.

Mr. Detour noted that the millage always passes overwhelmingly and that in his view people are very happy with the program. Mr. Krupta noted that he thought most people would rather pay twenty to thirty dollars a year on their taxes for a program that had been well established. Also noted was the fact if the County entered into a long term contract and the millage was voted down, the County could be on the hook for general fund dollars.

Mr. Whittinghill asked how the organizational process of such a move would take place. Mr. German explained the process. Chairman McLean gave everyone ample opportunity to speak.

Committee Comments

Commissioner Postula noted that he was not sure that saving twenty dollars a year was worth losing an established well run program.

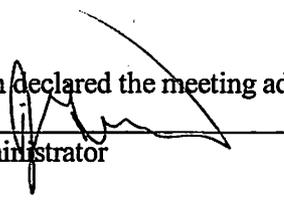
Chairman's Comments

Chairman McLean said he understood the bottom line is dollars being progressive but that in this case there was a human factor also.

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

On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Chairman McLean declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.



Jim German, Administrator



Don McLean, Committee Chairman