

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met on Friday, January 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m. for their Organizational meeting in the 91st District Courtroom.

Present: Commissioners Conor Egan, Raymond Johnson, Jim Martin, Don McLean and Scott Shackleton

Also Present: Sheriff Robert Savoie, Chippewa County Prosecuting attorney Brian Pepler, Margie Hank, Billie Jo Johnson, Cheryl Thoresen, Tom Thoresen, Julie Martin. Deputy Administrator Kelly Church, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk

The Oath of Office was given by County Clerk Maleport to all the Commissioners.

#### *ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN*

The County Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chairman.

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan, to nominate both Scott Shackleton and Don McLean with a request that they give a short statement as to why they should elect them chairman.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner McLean volunteered to go first, and stated that he served on the Commission for six years and that he believes in being forward, looking progressive, and looking into the future as to what the county is going to be facing. He went on to say that in the last six years he has been involved in a number of groups, EDC, *Economic Development Corporation* Regional Planning, Michigan Works; 911; and Community Corrections. He said, "I believe the big issues facing us as a county are the budget, economic growth as a county, and also ensuring the long term financial stability of the county. I guess being forward, my ideas are to again look down the road and see what we possibly could be facing, paying attention to all what's going on in the state and trying to make adjustments so that we're financially stable, so again we can move forward and progress." He also noted that he is currently the Chairman of Regional Planning and also the EDC *Economic Development Corporation* and is very involved in moving things along, getting more businesses in our area and increasing the job opportunities in our county.

Commissioner Shackleton stated that he has had the pleasure and the confidence of the Board for the past several years being chairman and that it's an honor. He began by saying, "I think the history of county government, in many counties, including ours, is that the chair has

always been a position by someone who, quite frankly, thought he was the boss. I think I brought a different approach to this position, and it's an approach that I plan on continuing if given the opportunity. I think the strength of the Board does not come from the chair, it's not about me, it's about this Board, and it's about each member of the Board being put into a position that their comfortable and that they are well suited for. Some people like to be very busy, like to be involved in lots of stuff, some people want to focus on a few things, and that's fine. I think, what we need to do, *is to have a chair* that respects all the members and looks to help make them successful, because when were successful, and were strong together, were serving the people of this county well . I have a tremendous amount of respect for the process that got us here, for the people of this community that put us here, and for how we're going to go forward." He went on to say that, in our county we have some great people working. The department heads, many of whom are elected, do a great job, they don't need us in there looking over their shoulder and telling them what to type next. What they need is a supportive commission that gives them as many tools as we can possibly give them, so that they can be successful. In closing he said, "I've been honored to do the job, I would like to continue to do the job, but any way you vote, you should be able to vote, the way that you think best for the county, and be comfortable with it and just move on."

**On a roll call vote:**

- Commissioner Egan - Shackleton
- Commissioner Johnson - Shackleton
- Commissioner Martin - Shackleton
- Commissioner McLean - McLean
- Commissioner Shackleton – Shackleton

The Clerk declared Scott Shackleton as chairman.

*VICE-CHAIR*

Chairman Shackleton proceeded and called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan seconded by Commissioner Martin, to nominate Commissioner McLean.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean to nominate Conor Egan, receiving no support, chairman Shackleton declared the nomination failed.



Term of Office Rudy Johnson

**Department of Veterans Affairs Liaison:**

Term of Office Rudy Johnson

**Prison Liaison:**

Term of Office Don McLean

Term of Office Conor Egan

**Michigan Works:**

Term of Office Don McLean

Term of Office Jim Martin

**Chippewa County Recycling Committee:** (All Term of Office)~*dictated by positions*

Board Chair Scott Shackleton

Chair, Finance Committee Jim Martin

Chair, Legislative & Natural Resources Don McLean

**Regional Planning and Development:**

Term of Office Conor Egan

Term of Office Jim Martin

**Office of Emergency Services:**

Term of Office Conor Egan

Term of Office Rudy Johnson

Term of Office Don McLean

**Community Corrections Advisory Board:**

Term of Office Don McLean

**Central Dispatch Board of Directors:**

Term of Office Rudy Johnson

**UPCAP**

Term of Office Rudy Johnson

**UP RC&D**

Term of Office

Don McLean

**Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program**

Term of Office

Jim Martin

**County Commission Committees** (All Term of Office)

**Finance**

All County Commission Members. Chair Jim Martin, Vice-Chair, Rudy Johnson

**Building, Grounds and Jail /Legislative and Natural Resources/Information Technology**

Chair Don McLean, Rudy Johnson, Conor Egan

**Personnel/Equalization and Apportionment/Transportation/Health and Social Services**

Chair Conor Egan, Scott Shackleton, Rudy Johnson

Commissioner McLean noted that the appointment to the Board of Health is something that is entirely new to him. He asked to change with someone so that he can continue with Regional Planning as he has been there for six years, and currently chairman, which is a two year appointment. He indicated that they're now transitioning, absorbing Michigan Works within Regional Planning and that he is supposed to be attending a meeting in Marquette next week, relative to Regional Planning and Michigan Works.

Commissioner Johnson volunteered to switch with Commissioner McLean

Having no objections, Chairman Shackleton amended the appointments as follows:

- Board of Health – Rudy Johnson and Conor Egan
- Regional Planning – Don McLean and Conor Egan

**Meeting Schedule and Times and Holiday Schedule**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the 2015 Chippewa county holiday schedule as presented below. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**2015 Chippewa County Holiday Schedule**

Thursday, January 1, 2015 – New Year’s Day

Monday, January 19, 2015 – Martin Luther King Day

Monday, February 16, 2015 – President’s Day

Friday, April 3, 2015 – Close at Noon – Good Friday

Monday, May 25, 2015 – Memorial Day

Friday, July 3, 2015 – Independence Day

Monday, September 7, 2015 – Labor Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 – Veterans Day

Thursday, November 26, 2015 – Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 27, 2015 – Day after Thanksgiving

Thursday, December 24, 2015 – Christmas Eve

Friday, December 25, 2015 – Christmas Day

Monday, December 28, 2015 – Day after Christmas

Thursday, December 31, 2015 – New Year’s Eve

Friday, January 1, 2016 – New Year’s Day

*Set Meeting Times and Dates:*

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the dates as presented below for Finance meetings and set the meeting time for 5:30 p.m.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **2015 Finance Claims and Accounts Committee Meetings (5:30 p.m.)**

- February 5, 2015
- March 5, 2015
- April 9, 2015
- May 7, 2015
- June 4, 2015
- July 9, 2015
- August 6, 2015
- September 10, 2015
- October 8, 2015
- November 5, 2015
- December 17, 2015(Third Thursday)

It was moved by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Egan to have the regular board meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. for the months of February, March, April and May, 2:00 p.m. for June July and August, and back to 5:30 p.m. September, October, November and December.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **2015 Chippewa County Regular Board Meeting Schedule:**

- February 9, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.
- March 9, 2015– 5:30 p.m.
- April 13, 2015– 5:30 p.m.
- May 11, 2015– 5:30 p.m.
- June 8, 2015– 2:00 p.m.
- July 13, 2015– 2:00 p.m.
- August 10, 2015– 2:00 p.m.
- September 14, 2015– 5:30 p.m.
- October 12, 2015– 5:30 p.m.
- November 9, 2015– 5:30 p.m.
- December 21, 2015 – 5:30 p.m. (Third Monday)

## **By-laws and Rules of Procedure**

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, second by Commissioner Martin, to approve the Bylaws and Rules of Procedure to include the following change:

Page 7; section 5.1 ~ XI, to read as follows:

- Commissioners reports on meetings as Board Representatives and general comments

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Egan, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Chairman Shackleton declared the meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman