

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Regular Session
November 14, 2024

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met at a regular session on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 4:31 P.M. in the 91st District Courtroom.

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was also available via zoom. Commissioner Knepper lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Present: Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance, Robert Savoie, James Traynor and Chairman Jim Martin

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Kelly Church, Clerk Steven Woodgate, Administrative Assistant Cady Bauers and 18 members of the public. 10 members logged in via zoom.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Savoie, to delete Resolution 2024-33 and add Regional Materials Management Planning Committee. Commissioner Knepper opposed the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the following minutes as presented:

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On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept the correspondence received and distribute. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Parker Fairbairn, State Rep Elect, said he is listening and Neebish Island is a real issue. Lyric Hassler, Lori Miller, a resident of Neebish Island, and Matthew Keller voiced their concerns about the Neebish Island Ferry schedule.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Kelly Church provided for informational purposes only – *no action items*. It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the Administrator's Report. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Board/Committee/Agency/Authority Vacancy Applicants

Building Code Board of Appeals

Term will Expire 12/31/2026

3 appointments needed

Applicants: Carmine Bonacci

EUP Transportation Authority

Term will Expire 12/31/2027

1 appointment needed

Applicants: Nicholas Huyck
Dan Jones
Jess Knoll
Burt Menard
Jeffrey Middlestead
Lori Miller
Tim Moher
Bradley Sommers

Department of Human Services

Term will Expire 10/31/2028

1 appointment needed

Applicants: Thomas Boger

Hiawatha Behavior Health Authority

Term will Expire 3/31/2028

1 appointment needed

Applicants: Ivan Gable
Nicole Oliver

Department of Veterans Affairs

Term will Expire 3/31/2029

1 appointment needed

Applicants: James Bergdoll
Nathan Marra
David Pearce
Robert Savoie

Road Commission

Term to Expire 12/31/2030

1 appointment needed

Applicants: Chuck Moser
Tom Sibbald

E 9-1-1 Central Dispatch

Term will Expire 12/31/2026

*Citizen Group Representative

Applicants: Thomas McKee

Superior District Library

Term will Expire 12/31/2027

Applicants: Sheila Bergdoll

Economic Development Corporation

Term will Expire 3/31/2031

1 appointment needed

Applicants: Carmine Bonacci
Timothy Ellis
James Parker

UP State Fair Authority

Term will Expire 12/31/2026

1 appointment needed

Applicants: Jerald Campbell

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Savoie to accept the nominees. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Apportionment and Tax Rates Request L-4029's (revised after election)

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the Apportionment and Tax Rates Request L-4029's (revised after election). On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Opioid Settlement

It was moved by Commissioner Knepper, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to request RFP as stated in the packet. Commissioner Knepper wanted to amend the RFP to a one-year RFP to develop more feedback based on results. The commissioners discussed that the RFP will be reviewed annually every November and did not want to accept any changes. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION TO CREATE OPIOID SETTLEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION 2024-34**

WHEREAS; Chippewa County is the 41st most vulnerable county in Michigan related to substance use, with a rate of 12 overdose fatalities per 100,000 people, and

WHEREAS; Chippewa County participated and signed on in national litigation against manufacturers, distributors, and pharmacies for their role in the opioid and overdose crisis; and

WHEREAS; Chippewa County is projected to receive \$1,640,440.00 over a total of eighteen (18) years, beginning in January 2023, because of litigation; and

WHEREAS; the Board of Commissioners could file lawsuits for any forthcoming opioid-related settlements; and

WHEREAS; the use of opioid settlement funds must meet certain requirements as outlined in Settlement Agreement Exhibit E and by the definition of opioid remediation as outlined in the settlement agreements; and

WHEREAS; the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners wishes to establish an Opioid Settlement Steering Committee to remain active throughout the duration of the opioid settlements, and for which membership does not prioritize or preclude members from receiving opioid settlement monies; and

WHEREAS; the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners has final approval on how the opioid settlement monies are dispersed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an Opioid Settlement Steering Committee with representatives from the following sectors – Chippewa County, Chippewa County Health Department, City of Sault Ste. Marie, public safety, criminal-legal system, FAN Board member, Great Lakes Recovery, SSM Tribe of Chippewa Indian, Bay Mills Indian Community, Lake Superior State University, recovery support providers, schools and universities, behavioral health providers, treatment providers, medical examiner, individuals with lived experience with substance use, and family and friends of those with lived experience.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Opioid Settlement Steering Committee will provide annual recommendations to advise the Board of Commissioners on strategies and activities for the use of opioid settlement funds.

MOVED: Commissioner Savoie
SUPPORTED: Commissioner Lieurance

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Knepper, Lieurance, Savoie, Traynor, and Chairman Martin
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION 2024-34 DECLARED ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-35
Resolution Opting Out of the Requirements of PA 152 of 2011**

Whereas, bargaining is strictly the responsibility of the county commission on behalf of the good citizens it serves; and

Whereas, PA 152 of 2011 erodes the responsibilities of duly elected local county commissioners and the trust held between those commissioners and their constituents; and

Whereas, PA 152 of 2011 constitutes an attempt by the legislature to dictate the terms on which counties bargain with their employees; and

Whereas, PA 152 of 2011 is a new foray by the state into dictating the terms of healthcare at the local level; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the provisions of PA 152 of 2011, Section 8(1), Chippewa County exercises its right to opt out of the requirements of the Act for the plan year beginning January 1, 2025 by two-thirds majority vote of this Board in support of this resolution.

MOVED: Commissioner Savoie
SUPPORTED: Commissioner Traynor

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Knepper, Lieurance, Savoie, Traynor, and Chairman Martin
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION 2024-35 DECLARED ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-32

FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET RESOLUTION
AND GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

WHEREAS, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners (“Board”) has examined the fiscal requests for 2025 of the various departments, agencies, courts, offices, and activities (“Activity Centers”) that it must legally finance or assist in financing; and

WHEREAS, the Board has taken into consideration the fact that there are required functions of county government or operations which must be budgeted at a serviceable level in order to provide statutory and constitutionally required services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, on behalf of the Board, has interviewed officials responsible for providing such mandated services to determined serviceable levels and the funds to sustain such levels; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined the amount of money to be raised by taxation necessary for expenditures and liabilities for the 2025 fiscal year and has ordered that money to be raised by taxation within statutory and constitutional limitations; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act (Act 2, P.A. 1968, as amended, being MCL 141.421 through MCL 141.440a) requires that the Board enact a general appropriations act designed to meet county-funded expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That the 2025 Chippewa County Budget for the General Fund which is incorporated by reference herein, is hereby adopted on a basis consistent with the Chippewa County Annual Budget Development Policy, subject to all County policies regarding the expenditure of funds as well as the conditions set forth in this resolution.
2. That the County Treasurer is hereby directed to collect millage for the County’s operations as follows:
 - a. Allocated Operating Millage 6.1402 mills
 - b. Voted Operating Millage for Roads 0.9805 mills
 - c. Voted Operating Millage for Fire and Ambulance 0.4268 mills
 - d. Voted Operating Millage for Recycling 0.4992 mills
 - f. Voted Operating Millage for Senior Program 0.7444 mills
 - g. Voted Operating Millage for Animal Shelter 0.1500 mills
3. That this budget reflects a reasonable allocation of available resources to the various County departments, boards, and agencies, and allows for all mandated services, programs, and activities, including the courts and the constitutional and statutory offices, to be performed at reasonable, necessary, and serviceable levels or at even more than adequate levels of performance.
4. That the amounts indicated in the following “Budgetary Detail” are hereby appropriated from the General Fund and other funds of Chippewa County according to the Activity Centers (Departments) contained in that detail which is incorporated herein by reference, and that such appropriations shall be restricted to the functioning of those Activity Centers (Departments) and by the provisions of this Act.

GENERAL FUND

<u>ACTIVITY CENTER</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
GENERAL FUND REVENUE	15,350,893	—
101 - COMMISSIONERS	—	71,862
172 - COUNTY CONTROLLER	—	350,090
193 - COST ALLOCATION PLAN	—	5,000
215 - COUNTY CLERK	—	285,509
223 - AUDIT	—	25,900
228 - INFORMATION SYSTEMS	—	509,004
229 - COMPUTER	—	271,295

245 - REMONUMENTATION GRANT	--	133,816
253 - TREASURER	--	361,872
257 - EQUALIZATION	--	328,438
261 - RETIREES HOSPITALIZATION	--	816,327
262 - ELECTIONS	--	25,600
265 - BUILDING AND GROUNDS	--	398,637
266 - LEGAL SERVICES	--	20,000
267 - INSURANCE	--	365,000
277 - JURY BOARD	--	15,500
283 - 50TH CIRCUIT COURT	--	514,249
285 - 50TH CIRCUIT COURT JUVENILE COURT	--	381,707
286 - DISTRICT COURT	--	679,162
289 - FRIEND OF THE COURT	--	607,228
294 - PROBATE COURT	--	433,594
296 - PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	--	796,710
299 - CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATE	--	129,048
301 - SHERIFF DEPARTMENT	--	1,816,977
302 - BAILIFF/SECURITY	--	205,089
309 - O.R. V. ENFORCEMENT GRANT	--	49,130
331 - MARINE	--	12,100
334 - SNOWMOBILE PATROL GRANT	--	18,998
351 - CORRECTIONAL FACILITY	--	3,155,246
430 - ANIMAL CONTROL	--	344,478
442 - DRAIN COMMISSIONER	--	1,079
568 - SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT	--	36,000
601 - HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND	--	204,000
631 - SUBSTANCE ABUSE	--	94,263
648 - MEDICAL EXAMINER	--	117,991
649 - MENTAL HEALTH - CLINIC	--	171,334
682 - VETERAN'S AFFAIRS	--	74,357
710 - MSU EXTENSION	--	155,529
711 - REGISTER OF DEEDS	--	258,216
713 - COUNTY SURVEYOR	--	21,465
714 - PLAT BOOK	--	5,000
715 - GIS MAPPING	--	28,000
716 - REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	--	28,750
717 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	--	50,000
719 - RURAL BUS PROGRAM	--	30,000
972 - P.I.L.T. FUNDS - TOWNSHIPS	--	30,000
980 - ROAD PATROL	--	0
980.000 - VEHICLES	--	150,000
980.001 - RECORD COPIER	--	10,000
980.002- POSTAGE METER	--	3,500
995.104 - TRANSFER TO TRIDENT TASK FORCE	--	107,871
995.238 - TRANSFER TO SCHOOL RESOURCE	--	200,000
995.252- DRUG COURT	--	2,000
995.260 - TRANSFER TO MIDC	--	226,130
995.269 - LAW LIBRARY FUND	--	1,500
995.287 - SOCIAL SERVICES FUND	--	20,110
995-292 - CHILD CARE - PROBATE	--	162,349
998 - CORRECTION OFFICERS TRAINING (264)	--	0
TOTAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES	15,350,893	15,317,010
Net Position Prior Year Delinquent Tax Fund	12,954,477	0
Ending Year Delinquent Tax Fund	0	12,954,477
Beginning Year Fund Balance	10,775,349	0
Ending Year Fund Balance	0	10,809,231
TOTAL BUDGET	39,080,719	

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

<u>FUND</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>BEG. YEAR FUND BAL.</u>	<u>END. YEAR FUND BAL.</u>
103 - SHERIFF SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	REV.	1,000	
	EXP.	1,000	3,974
104 - TRIDENT TASK FORCE	REV.	107,871	0
	EXP.	107,871	0
105 - MARINE LIVERY INSPECTION FUND	REV.	100	1,785
	EXP.	0	1,885
106 - HEALTH INSURANCE	REV.	700,000	0
	EXP.	700,000	0
208 - SHERIFF REVOLVING FUND - PARK PATROL	REV.	3,026	7,118

	EXP.	3,026		7,118
210 - COUNTY AMBULANCE ACCOUNT	REV.	609,648	0	
	EXP.	609,648		0
211 - OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES	REV.	245,917	216,345	
	EXP.	213,646		248,616
213 - TITLE III FUNDING (OES)	REV.	25,000	78,445	
	EXP.	25,000		78,445
214 - STATE TRAINING FUND DISPATCHERS	REV.	14,000	21,375	
	EXP.	14,000		21,375
215 - F.O.C. RELATED CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS	REV.	22,090	237,598	
	EXP.	14,595		245,093
216 - COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	REV.	34,000	14,258	
	EXP.	34,000		14,258
217 - OPERATION STONEGARDEN	REV.	135,000	0	
	EXP.	135,000		0
218 - MENTAL HEALTH COURT FUND	REV.	107,664	9,903	
	EXP.	107,664		9,903
225 - CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MAINTENANCE FUND	REV.	0	178,937	
	EXP.	67,240		111,697
230 - CHIPPEWA COUNTY RECYCLING	REV.	713,727	368,683	
	EXP.	763,698		318,711
232 - OFFICE OF COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	REV.	301,000	547,606	
	EXP.	296,787		551,819
234 - ELECTIONS	REV.	1,000	900	
	EXP.	0		1,900
235 - COMMUNITY ACTION SENIOR MEALS	REV.	1,065,325	184,202	
	EXP.	1,065,325		184,202
237 - SHERIFF FIRST RESPONDER GRANT	REV.	0	0	
	EXP.	0		0
238 - SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS	REV.	261,500	133,858	
	EXP.	226,451		168,907
245 - SHERIFF DEPT CPE PILOT PROGRAM	REV.	9,000	0	
	EXP.	9,000		0
249 - CONSTRUCTION CODE REVOLVING ACCOUNT	REV.	130,000	0	
	EXP.	130,000		0
251 - 50TH CIRCUIT COURT PROBATION AND PAROLE	REV.	15,500	106,996	
	EXP.	8,200		114,296
252 - 50TH CIRCUIT COURT DRUG COURT	REV.	113,600	1,258	
	EXP.	113,600		1,258
254 - OPIOID SETTLEMENT	REV.	100,000	187,119	
	EXP.	0		287,119
255 - HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION	REV.	3,500	12,471	
	EXP.	3,500		12,471
256 - REGISTER OF DEEDS AUTOMATION FUND	REV.	52,000	194,712	
	EXP.	43,527		203,185
257 - DRUG FORFEITURE FUND	REV.	500	24,423	
	EXP.	21,500		3,423
259 - CCSD SALVAGE VEHICLE	REV.	1,000	6,235	
	EXP.	3,800		3,435
260 - MIDC INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	REV.	1,225,290	0	
	EXP.	1,225,290		0
261 - ENHANCED 911 EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM	REV.	1,272,000	215,302	
	EXP.	1,423,260		64,042
263 - CPL - CLERKS OFFICE	REV.	20,000	123,994	
	EXP.	7,500	0	136,494
264 - LOCAL CORRECTIONS OFFICER'S TRAINING	REV.	8,600	12,174	
	EXP.	18,000		2,774
269 - LAW LIBRARY	REV.	6,000	0	
	EXP.	6,000		0
272 - ROAD PATROL CONTRACT	REV.	140,141	0	
	EXP.	96,346		43,795
273 - ROAD PATROL OVERTIME FUNDING	REV.	32,000	19,979	
	EXP.	42,000		9,979
274 - SHERIFF LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND	REV.	6,800	7,413	
	EXP.	13,000		1,213
275 - SHERIFF- SEARCH & RESCUE	REV.	0	350	
	EXP.	0		350
276 - SHERIFF SPECIAL MENTAL HEALTH	REV.	1,000	2,373	
	EXP.	0		3,373
277 - HIGHWAY SAFETY FUND	REV.	32,832	0	
	EXP.	32,832		0
280 - ANIMAL CONTROL MILLAGE	REV.	217,060	258,806	
	EXP.	126,000		349,866
285 - ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS	REV.	63,500	596,556	
	EXP.	23,600		636,456
286 - SHERIFF DEPT K-9	REV.	50	0	

	<u>EXP.</u>	0		0
287 - FIA APPROPRIATION	<u>REV.</u>	20,110	941	
	<u>EXP.</u>	20,110		941
292 - CHILD CARE FUND - PROBATE	<u>REV.</u>	290,349	0	
	<u>EXP.</u>	290,349		0
294 - VETERANS TRUST	<u>REV.</u>	78,939	47,766	
	<u>EXP.</u>	78,939		47,766
296 - HUD MSC 02-731-HO GRANT	<u>REV.</u>	35,000	10,552	
	<u>EXP.</u>	35,000		10,552
298 - FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES	<u>REV.</u>	3,500	135	
	<u>EXP.</u>	3,500		135

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS

	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>BEGINNING</u>	<u>ENDING</u>
5 377 - CITY OF SSM 2013 REFUNDING	620,200	620,200	0	0
484 - ROSS-HOKOLA DRAINAGE DISTRICT	0	0	7,503	7,503

That the County Clerk is authorized to certify the following claims within such budgeted allocations and to process a warrant for payment and upon receipt of such warrant the County Treasurer is authorized to pay the claims within such budgeted allocations:

<u>ALLOCATION</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
General Payroll	Bi-weekly	
Employee Fringe Benefits	As due	
Insurances and Bonds	As due	
Loan/Bond Payments	As due	
Utilities	As due	
District Health	Monthly	1 st of Month
Jail Medical Retainer	Monthly	15 th of Month
Medical Examiner	Monthly	1st of Month
Copier Leases	Monthly	1 st of Month
Community Mental Health	Quarterly	June, July, August, September
Child Care	Quarterly	January, April, July, October
Law Library	Quarterly	January, April, July, October
Cigarette Tax	Annually	Following Receipt
Social Services	Annually	October
Soil Conservation	Annually	April

6. That funds be allocated as may be appropriated by budget action of the Board of Commissioners for the Public Improvements and Capital Fund for capital equipment and projects, and to include the amounts due for the payment of purchase agreements and bond payments as scheduled.

7. That funds be allocated as may be appropriated by budget action of the Board of Commissioners. The funds may be transferred by the County Treasurer and/or the County Administrator's Office in accordance with such budgets.

8. That the following regulations shall apply to these appropriations and Activity Centers (Departments). All Departments, budget administrators, and other agencies and organizations receiving County funds shall be deemed to have agreed to these restrictions and obligations by accepting funds pursuant to this Act or otherwise incurring expenditures in expectation of County funding.

- a. All terms in the Act shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Uniform Budget and Accounting Act. The term "Activity Center" includes all courts receiving funds through this Act.
- b. All Activity Centers (Departments) receiving funds herein shall abide by the Uniform Budget and Accounting Act, and that any modification, addition or deletion of such amounts hereby adopted shall be done in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Board of Commissioners. Each administrative officer in charge of an Activity Center shall promptly provide the County Administrator with all information which the Administrator considers necessary and essential to the preparation of a County budget for the ensuing fiscal period.
- c. All purchases and travel shall be in accordance with the Chippewa County Purchasing, Contracts and Sales Policy (Policy No. 320) and Travel and Business Expenses Policy (Policy No. 410).

- d. The amounts appropriated herein shall be paid from the County Treasury at the time and in the manner provided by law and other applicable policies or resolutions of the Board, whether enacted to date or subsequently adopted.
- e. Expenditures and revenues shall be recorded and reported in the manner provided by law. Fees and other money received by Activity Centers (Departments) shall be forwarded promptly to the County Treasurer and credited to the appropriate County fund, except as otherwise provided by this Act or by any other act of the Board.
- f. Except as otherwise provided by law, each Activity Center (Department) shall limit expenditures within the appropriations authorized herein and shall not attempt to expend funds at a rate which will eventually result in a deficit in any Activity Center without the approval of the Board. Further, all expenditures of County funds and other funds under the control of any Activity Center, except as otherwise provided by law, shall be expended only for purposes attached to the line-items and within the various policies of the Board of Commissioners, including, but not limited to purchasing policy, applicable collective bargaining agreements and applicable personnel policies. The County of Chippewa shall only be responsible for the payment of purchases made as provided by law and/or policy.
- g. In the event that State of Michigan fails to provide certain revenue transfer payments as required by state law and/or contractual agreements between the State and Chippewa County, the specific programs funded by such state revenue transfer payment shall bear the full impact of such revenue reduction. In the event the State defaults or otherwise fails to provide general, unrestricted revenue transfer payments, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee, shall allocate said revenue reduction in its legislative judgment.

THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CANNOT, AND WILL NOT, ABSORB THE PROGRAM COSTS CREATED BY REVENUE TRANSFER PAYMENT DEFAULTS BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

- h. If an Activity Center (Department) desires an additional appropriation, it shall forward a detailed request to the County Administrator's Office describing the proposed budgetary amendment or transfer and the reasons for the action. The matter will then be presented to the Board of Commissioners through its Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee. No funds may be transferred between Activity Centers (Departments) without prior Board approval.
- i. Except as otherwise provided by law, the number of positions noted for certain Activity Centers (Departments) in the approved Employee Roster included with the budget shall be the maximum staffing level authorized to be drawn from such line-item. No Activity Center shall maintain more employees on the payroll than the maximum specified for the appropriate account. In addition, the job position titles, pay classifications, and full-time equated designations for each position are deemed to be the correct classifications, and any modification of employment classifications shall be done in conformance with established Board policy. Further, if an Activity Center employs at any time, fewer employees than the maximum specified for the appropriate line item in this Act, unexpended appropriation in the amount identified with the unfilled position(s) by payroll records shall immediately and automatically revert to the General Fund Contingency Activity Center (Department No. 890).
- j. It is understood that revenues and expenditures may vary from those that are currently contemplated and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Commissioners during the 2025 fiscal year, as deemed necessary. Consequently, there may be a need to increase or decrease various portions of the budget and/or impose a hiring freeze and/or impose layoffs due to unforeseen financial changes; therefore, the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to change the approved Employee Roster and/or impose a hiring freeze at any time. The County Elected Officials and County Department Heads shall abide by whatever changes are made by the Board of Commissioners, if any, relative to the approved positions and the number of employees stated in the Employee Roster.
- k. Positions on the Employee Roster that are supported by a grant, cost sharing, reimbursement, or other source of outside funding, are only approved contingent upon the County receiving the budgeted revenues. Upon notification that budgeted funding of a position will not be received, the Elected Official or Department Head shall immediately notify the County Controller and Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee, and that position shall be immediately removed from the Employee Roster if funding is exhausted.
- l. The County Administrator's Office and/or County Treasurer shall be authorized to make year-end transfers of up to \$100,000 between Departments or Funds or with such amounts that may be available in the General Fund, as may be necessary to insure that departments do not end the 2025 fiscal year in a deficit condition.
- m. This Act shall become effective January 1, 2025, and may be amended by the Board at any time. Any appropriations made hereunder may be increased or decreased in the discretion of the Board.
- n. This Act and attachments as incorporated by reference herein and all amendments hereto shall constitute the 2025 General Appropriations Act for Chippewa County for all purposes under the law; and approved at the highest level possible.

MOVED: Commissioner Savoie
SUPPORTED: Commissioner Traynor

A ROLL-CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: Commissioners Knepper, Lieurance, Savoie, Traynor, and Chairman Martin
NAYES: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION 2024-32 DECLARED ADOPTED

REGIONAL MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The following are appointments for a 5-year term:

Solid waste disposal facility operator:

Tim Harrow – GFL Landfill (Dafter)

Managed materials hauler:

Jim Smith – GFL Transfer Station Dafter

Materials recovery facility operator:

Joel Krupa – Northern Transitions Inc. (Chippewa County Recycling Center)

Compost or other organic facility operator:

Jennifer Satchell – Bay Mills Indian Materials Management

Waste diversion, reuse, or reduction facility operator:

Sherry Kruch – Reina Recycling (SSM)

Environment interest group:

Beth Christiansen – LSSU Center for Freshwater Research and Education (CFRE)

Elected official of a county:

Jim Traynor – Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

Elected official of a township:

Mark Eitrem – Sigar Island Township Supervisor

Elected official of a city of village:

Jen Postula – DeTour Village Clerk

Business that generates managed materials within the planning area:

Jordan Chisolm – Superior Café (Sault Ste. Marie)

An elected County or municipal government official:

Kelly Freman – Eastern UP Regional Planning & Development Commission, DPA

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, supported by Commissioner Savoie, to accept nominees from Jeff Hagen at Regional Planning. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**FINANCE, CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners' Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at the Chippewa Courthouse in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. Chairman Savoie called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was available via Zoom.

Approval of the Agenda

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

Public Comment

Correspondence and Informational Items

Health Department

Health Department – CCHD change to County FEIN and BS&A software

The Committee was asked to approve a request that will have the Health Department change the CCHD federal ID number to the County's and to add the Health Department to general ledger, accounts payable and payroll into the County's current software. This is good timing as there would be opportunities to join the current staff and better serve the County employee and constituents. Additional updates and changes will be brought back to the Board; with a tentative change over date of April 1, 2025.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the Chippewa County Health Department changing over to the County's federal ID number; and adding the Department to the current BS&A software for the general ledger, payroll, human resources and accounts payable, as requested. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Health Department – Approve Media Contract for Billboard Advertising \$11,200.00

The Committee reviewed the request for tobacco free living advertising with Lamar, running from December 2024 to September 2025 at the cost of \$11,200.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the Chippewa County Health Department advertising for tobacco free living with Lamar at a cost of \$11,200.00. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED

Health Department – Authorize Sale of Vaccine fridge/freezer \$1.00

The Committee was asked to approve that sale of the old vaccine/freezer; the assets was advertised twice with only one bid received. The bid was for \$1.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the sale of vaccine fridge/freezer for \$1.00. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Health Department – MERS Addendum to close CCHD – HD Hybrid as of 6/30/2024

The Committee reviewed the MERS document to close the CCHD – HD Hybrid plan as of 6/30/2024.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the MERS Addendum for Plan Closures to close the CCHD – Hybrid HD Division as of 6/30/2024, as presented. One a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Health Department

Health Department – SHACC RFQ Office Renovations Bid Summary

The Committee reviewed the bid summary for the two projects for office renovations at the Sault Health Adolescent Care Center (SHACC) Project A: painting and Project B: flooring replacement; this project will be paid from the infrastructure grant previously received by the Health Department. One bid was received for each job \$12,010.00 for the painting and \$35,110.00 for flooring from National Painting Contractors/JAMA Development LLC.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve the office renovations at the Sault Health Adolescent Care Center (SHACC), by National Painting Contractors/JAMA Development LLC, painting \$12,010.00 and flooring \$35,110.00 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Office of Emergency Services – Approve EMT-B/Emergency Medical Technician Course \$9,580.00

The Committee reviewed a request to reimbursement to Kinross EMS Education for a EMT-B Course that trained ten Chippewa County residents between March and July 2024, these funds would be from Office of Emergency Services.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize payment to Kinross EMS Education in the amount of \$9,580.00 for the 2024 County EMT-Basic Emergency Medical Technician Course. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Sheriff's Office – Sheriff's Storage/training Building Change Order \$14,422.00

The Committee reviewed a request from U.P. Engineers & Architects with both a credit from the asphalt and to add signage to the building at a change cost of \$14,422.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to authorize and approve the final change order for the Sheriff's Storage/training building in the amount of \$14,422.00. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Surveyor – Grant No. BCC 25-17 - \$118,816.00 Grant County contributions \$15,000.00

The committee reviewed Grant No. BCC 25-17 between the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Chippewa County; and the 2025 Grant Application to be submitted to the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation. The grant is from 1-1-2025 to 12-31-2025, in the amount of \$103,816.00 with Chippewa County contributing

\$15,000 for a total FY2025 project amount of \$118,816.00. 60 corners will be completed in FY2025.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize signatures for Grant No. BCC 25-17 between the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Chippewa County; and the 2025 Grant Application to be submitted to the Office of Land Surveying and Remonumentation in the grant amount of \$118,816.00. On a voice vote the motion CARRIED.

Administration – GASB 75 Report Update – Jefferson Solutions \$5,250.00

The Committee reviewed the request to update the County's GASB 75 report for the year ending December 31, 2024, by Jefferson Solutions, Inc. at the cost of \$5,250.00, this is the report for the retiree healthcare needs.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Knepper, to approve and authorize Jefferson Solutions, Inc. to complete the County's GASB 75 reporting for the period ending December 31, 2024, at the cost of \$5,250.00. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Finance - Claims and Accounts – October – County and Health Department

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to recommend the approval of October County bills and payroll: general claims \$393,308.69, other fund claims \$4,632,618.08, payroll \$824,601.21, and Health Department claims \$280,371.89 and payroll \$139,896.48 total claims \$5,850,527.98. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Finance – Financial Hardship Policy Update

The Committee reviewed the Financial Hardship Policy Extension of Foreclosure, Policy Number 412, dated November 14, 2024. This policy's objective is to assist delinquent taxpayers to fulfill their real property tax obligations.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to authorize and approve the update Financial Hardship Policy as updated and presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Finance – FY2025 Budget General and Special Funds

Contracts within budget

- 1. Health Care Renewal Acrisure (formally 44North)
 - a. Line of Business – change to Medicare Advantage for Post-65 and Prescription modification**
 - b. RxReins – Stop Loss Renewal - \$21,573.60****
- 2. MSUE 4-H Agent - \$55,262.00**
- 3. Probate-Family Court Legal Contracts (3) - \$135,762.00 (\$45,254 each)**
- 4. Medical Examiner Services
 - a. Paul Rechner, M.D. - \$39,000.00****

b. Patricia Newhouse, M. D. - \$125.00 per decedent

- 5. Premier Michigan Assessing, LLC - \$81,000.00 annually - January 1, 2025 through April 30, 2028**
- 6. Colligo GIS for Central Dispatch - \$3,000.00**
- 7. CHC- Inmate Health Care \$515,983.00- Option 1 plus EMR**

Annual Software Support \$285,000.00

Information Systems requests \$271,295.00 General Fund, \$119,741.00 Special Funds

Equipment Requests

- 1. General Fund \$228,875.89**
- 2. Special Funds \$130,862.60**

FY24 Non-Union Pay scale

- 1. Added Sheriff's Captain**
- 2. District Court - Grade 9 to Grade 10 request**

Fee Changes

- 1. Medical Examiner - Cremation permits \$25.00**

The Committee was given an overview of the proposed FY2025 Budget, the general fund budget was presented showing an overall net revenue of \$33,882.35. The Committee was updated on changes and requests of the Departments and Agencies that variances from the prior year, including an allocation increase for the Soil Conservation District to help keep up with the Soil and Sedimentation permits requests for the County. The renewal of health care benefits and RxReins Stop-Loss renewal with Acrisure showing an overall increase of 6.08%, after changes to the post-65 retiree coverages. Changing the retirees to Medicare Advantage which will provide them with additional benefits than they currently have; at a decrease in cost to the County; a change in prescription coverage to match the current benefits of the active employees to all retirees. Contracts from within the budget were also disclosed on the agenda including the MSUE 4-H Agent, the (3) Legal services contracts from Probate-Family Court; Medical Examiners Services, Premier Michigan Assessing, LLC., Colligo - GIS and the CHC - Inmate Health Care contract. Personnel changes for FY2025 were included on the Non-Union pay scale for approval; the software, hardware and equipment requests, including three vehicles; one which will be bid out and two that will be purchased at the State of Michigan rate, if available. A new fee was also presented for cremation permits. The County will continue to look for new revenues and continue looking to reduce expenditures to maintain the necessary staffing and to provide the necessary services to the County. The FY2025 Budget Resolution will be presented to the full Board for final approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the FY2025 Budgets for the General Fund and Special Funds, as presented, acknowledging the contracts (as referenced above), annual software support, hardware and software requests, equipment requests, Non-Union Pay Scale and a fee for cremation permits as presented. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

Committee Comments

Commissioner Lieurance congratulated everyone on the recent elections; and Commissioner Knepper asked about the bidding posting procedures for the County's RFP's.

Chairman Comments

No additional comments were offered.

Adjourn

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance for the acceptance and distribution. On a voice vote, the motion CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVES AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Commissioner Lieurance mentioned he went to the UPCAP meeting and the tip and minimum wage bill may be repealed in a bi-partisan fashion, and he said he wants to work with the legislators in Lansing with a resolution for the Neebish Island Ferry schedule issues.

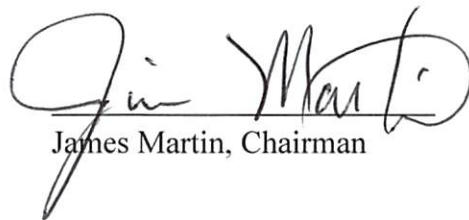
Commissioner Knepper mentioned he appreciates the work Commissioner Lieurance put in on the Neebish Island issues. He also mentioned the agencies such as EUPTA who are appointed and hired, it is no surprise voters will come to the County Commission looking for help, and the Commission needs to work with the agencies to make sure Chippewa County is a nice for people to live. He also wanted to thank the organizations that helped with the veteran's services.

Commissioner Traynor stated he will not give up on the people in Neebish Island, and he will work for them until the ferry issue is solved. Chairman Martin said 10 percent for the people in Chippewa County are either active-duty military or veterans. If there are any veterans struggling, the veteran's agency is here to help. He also commented Commissioner Savoie on being a veteran, Undersheriff, Sheriff, and Commissioner, and that the sheriff building was named after him for everything he has done. Commissioner Martin also mentioned the good people he met campaigning. He also thanked the Clerk's office for working hard on election day. He is honored to be the Chair and will support the people.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to adjourn, accordingly. On a voice vote, the motion carried. The Board adjourned at 5:30 P.M.



Steven Woodgate, Clerk



James Martin, Chairman