

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session  
March 15, 2023

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, in the 91st District Courtroom.

Chairman Jim Martin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via Zoom. Commissioner Traynor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Damon Lieurance, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton, James Traynor, and Chairman James Martin.

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Administrator Kelly Church, Cathy Maleport, Clerk, Karen Senkus, Bev Eavou, Gay Mather, Kammelle Rader, Michele Kiiiken, Marta LaLonde, Kevin Kalchik, Calvin Carter, Tim & Nancy Moher, Michele Traynor,  
*Present Via Zoom: Suzanne Lieurance, B Wiesner, Center for Change*

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. We had 40 signed affidavits from qualified voters

**APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the February 16, 2023, regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE**

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the clerk's office and forward as appropriate. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Bev Eavou appeared before the Board to request the status of the complaint they filed in October concerning the QVF *Qualified Voter File*.
- Marta LaLonde appeared before the Board and asked the Commissioners to show how much of the Hospital property the County still owns; she also requested that each Board member provide pros and cons for keeping any small portion of the property. .
- Kammelle Rader appeared before the Board referencing Amendment 1 and 2 and communicated her concerns with proposed legislation.
- Diane Possamai appeared before the Commission to report on how they were treated when filing a complaint with the Sheriff's Department.

- MyMichigan Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Kevin Kalchik appeared before the Commission. He communicated that he would be happy and available to talk to anybody who wanted to discuss factual, transparent information about the hospital sale. He also explained that they are in the process of a master facility plan which changes based on their rights.
- Tim Moher addressed the Board in response to Vice President Kevin Kalchik regarding his concerns about the MyMichigan prior promises and unpaid debt that were made.

### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Kelly Church - provided for informational purposes only - *no action items*.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A) Chippewa County Health Department Annual Report

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Savoie, to approve the Chippewa County Health Department Annual Report. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### **Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee Meeting Minutes**

*Chairman Robert Savoie*

*March 14, 2023*

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### Health Department- Contracts

- **SHACC - \$30,000 (Approve and Authorize expense and budget amendment)**

The Committee reviewed information on additional funding to be received by the Student Health Adolescent Care Center; with the additional funds, a mobile laptop cart (\$1,300.99), cholesterol system (\$2,988.10), and mobile monitor and stand (\$2,994.45) have been requested.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve, authorize and budget an additional \$30,000.00 for the SHACC and to purchase equipment as follows Global Industrial \$1,300.99 mobile laptop cart, Careline Medical Supply \$2,988.10 and \$2,994.45 for a cholesterol system and mobile monitor and stand. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

#### Health Department - Policies

- **Policies**
  - **4.05.021 Subcutaneous Button**
  - **8.03.03 Client Death**
  - **3.03.019 Conflict of Interest**

The Committee reviewed three policies for CCHD, a clinical policy for all nursing staff regarding subcutaneous buttons, a hospice policy for all direct licensed staff regarding the death of a client, and a human resources policy for all staff regarding conflict of interest.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to authorize and approve the three policies 4.05.021 Subcutaneous Button, 8.03.03 Client Death, and 3.03.019 Conflict of Interest as presented for the Health Department. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Health Department – Contract/Agreement**

- **Social Work Supervision**

The Committee reviewed a non-monetary Agreement for Social Work Supervision, which is needed because of an employee's leave; the agreement will be in full force and effect from February 24, 2023, to February 29, 2024. This agreement is necessary for overseeing the home health and hospice programs and has been reviewed by MMRMA for liability coverage.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to authorize and approve the Social Work Supervision Agreement as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Health Department – Annual Write-offs - \$227,251.49**

- **Environmental Health - \$228.25**
- **Public Health - \$75,935.85**
- **SHACC - \$14,832.36**
- **Hospice - \$24,059.44**
- **Home Health - \$103,051.59**
- **SHACC dental - \$9,144.00**

The Committee reviewed the Health Department's annual write-offs for services provided through 9/30/2022 (more than 365 days old). The write-off is higher this year due to a mid-year change in EMR (electronic medical records) systems for billing and a credentialing issue. The Committee reviewed these and prior years' write-offs, noting that these write-offs are being monitored and assuring these are not the systemic issues that the Health Department previously had.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve the Chippewa County Health Department write-offs for services provided through 9/30/2022 as follows: Environmental Health \$228.25, Public Health Insight \$75,935.85; SHACC \$14,832.36; Hospice \$24,059.44; Home Health \$103,051.59; and SHACC dental \$9,144.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### **Register of Deeds – Electronic Signing**

- **BS&A \$6,000.00**
- **Seek State of Michigan Grant for Reimbursement**

The Committee reviewed documentation from the Register of Deeds Office to add real property E-recording capabilities and to seek a grant reimbursement from the State of Michigan. This process allows users to submit documents to the Deketo Register of Deeds software via an export; the SOM supports this change.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the Register of Deeds Office and expenditure of \$6,000.00 to add E-signing capabilities via their current software vendor Deketo and BS&A and to seek reimbursement from the State of Michigan Electronic Recording Commission grant. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **Veterans Affairs – Grant for advertising, hardware, and Veterans Services**

The Committee reviewed documentation from the Veterans Affairs Committee seeking to change the description to include lawn care and travel and training to Madison, Wisconsin, for the County National Training for the Veterans Counselor.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to acknowledge and accept the changes to the Veterans Affairs Grant to include lawn care and training and travel for the Counselor to attend the County National Training in Wisconsin, June 4 through 8th, 2023, as approved by the Chippewa County Veterans Affairs Committee on February 28, 2023. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **Sheriff's Department – 13 E-Citation Units for Patrol Vehicles \$12,194.00 plus 13 printers \$5,655.00; total project \$17,849; from Fund 232 (Budget amendment and waive County Purchasing Policy)**

The Commissioners reviewed a request from the Sheriff's Office to consider adding E-Citation services provided by Lexis Nexis, the same that provides the application for (UD-10) crash reports. The E-Citation application will allow deputies to print citations from their vehicles, which will help eliminate errors and provide clearer documentation for the courts. The expense for the initial purchase will be from Special Fund 232 - Community Corrections account, with the annual maintenance added annually to the general fund through the budget process.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to approve and authorize adding E-Citation Units to the patrol vehicles, to authorize a budget amendment for the purchase from Fund 232, and to waive the County Purchasing Policy, with expenditures to Lexis Nexis for \$12,194.00 for thirteen (13) the E-citation units and thirteen (13) printers not to exceed \$5,655.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **Sheriff's Department – 10 In-Car Cameras \$15,192/per year for five years or \$75,960.00**

The Committee reviewed information on replacing the in-car cameras for the Sheriff's Office patrol fleet; the current cameras have been troublesome and unreliable. The Sheriff is asking to approve Lenslock, a new company in Michigan with high recommendations for larger departments. Lenslock redaction software is the lowest price at \$2,400.00 of the three vendor quotes; the Sheriff's Office has budgeted \$15,000.00 for FY23 and will seek an MMRMA RAP grant of \$10,000.00 reimbursement or \$1,000.00 per camera. The administration noted that for purchases like this that we usually do not spread them out over five years and make a budget amendment to get the equipment upgraded; it was noted that these cameras are invaluable to the officers and the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the purchase of ten (10) in-car camera systems from Lenslock at the price of \$75,960.00 and to seek the \$10,000.00 MMRMA RAP grant reimbursement and approve an equipment budget adjustment of \$50,960.00 to cover the full cost in FY23. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

## **Sheriff's Department – Inmate Commissary – update contract and add two kiosks – no cost**

The Committee was updated regarding the Keefe Commissary Network Service Agreement and presented a new five (5) year renewal agreement that will add two kiosks allowing visitors to put money on an inmate account without coming to the Sheriff's window and allowing inmates to bond themselves out with cash or credit card. One kiosk would be in booking and the other in the 1st-floor hallway of the County Building.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the Chippewa County and Keefe Commissary Network LLC Commissary Services Agreement as updated a 5-year contract with auto renewal for commissary services with added kiosks. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Administration – Recycling Collection and Disposal Renewal January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027**

The Committee briefly reviewed the request to renew the agreement between Chippewa County and Northern Transitions, Inc. to establish the Chippewa County Recycling Program – Recycling Collection and Disposal Agreement for a four-year term January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027. This agreement was previously reviewed by counsel in 2019 and the County Recycling Committee members passed a motion to forward the Agreement to the Commission on March 2, 2023.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, and a brief discussion followed. Commissioner Shackleton explained that the issue here is they're closed on Saturday afternoons and has received complaints about this. It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, that the Board table this to allow time to talk with Northern Transitions to see if there isn't a way to accommodate the community's ability to go to the recycling center on Saturday afternoons. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Administration – Policy 407 – Jury Reimbursement Update**

The Committee reviewed the updated policy regarding jury reimbursement.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve Policy 407 – Jury Reimbursement as updated and presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Administration – Regular June Meeting Date**

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to change the date of the June Regular meeting from Thursday, June 15th, to Wednesday, June 14th, due to conflicting schedules. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Administration- Purchase 3-Story Rolling Scaffold Tower \$1,656.00 plus delivery**

The Committee reviewed the request to purchase rolling scaffolding for use in the Correctional Facility and the Courtroom for everyday type maintenance; the quote from Home Depot of \$1,656.00 did not include delivery.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the scaffolding tower purchase. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Administration – Release RFQ's for Two Copiers and a Security Camera System**

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the release of three RFQ's two for copiers for the Friend of the Court and Probate/Family Court and one for a new security camera system for the Courthouse and County Building. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

**Finance - Claims and Accounts – February – County and Health Department**

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Shackleton, to recommend the approval of

February County bills and payroll: general claims \$303,444.22, other fund claims \$1,763,671.64, payroll \$621,918.86, and Health Department claims \$347,707.83 and payroll \$237,813.64 total claims \$2,689,034.72. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Savoie, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept the February 14, 2023 Finance Claims and Accounts minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

### COMMISSIONER REPORT ON MEETINGS AS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE AND GENERAL COMMENTS

Among some of the comments were as follows:

- **Commissioner Savoie** addressed some of the public comments and stated that this Commission supports the second amendment and will continue to do that. He explained that as far as new laws coming from Lansing, the Commission has nothing to do with making new laws. He also touched on some hospital issues and stated that they're at the early discovery phase of the possibility of selling the hospital. They will hire counsel to clear up what is our long-term debt and our liability. Ultimately, we want the best health care we can provide our citizens and make an informed decision.
- **Commissioner Shackleton** addressing some of the public comments stated that no decision has been made buying the Lynn Auto Parts Building as they are at the research stage. He also noted that he is 100% for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, and want to protect your 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights, but they're limited on what they can do.
- **Commissioner Shackleton** also noted that because he sits on the MyMichigan Board and the County Board, he has a conflict only because he sits on both boards. He said that Mrs. LaLonde asked a very fair specific question "what are our thoughts." He then asked Administrator Kelly Church to ask our legal counsel, if he can respond to her without breaking his requirement from abstaining and participating in this.
- **Commissioner Lieurance** also said he supports the 2nd amendment 100 percent. He also noted that in regards to the hospital, they're in the infancy stage and thanked the folks in the audience for their input and time for attending the meeting.
- **Commissioner Traynor** also stated that he strongly supports the 2nd Amendment. In regards to the hospital, he said that he wants to keep the hospital and get the best health care we can.
- **Chairman Martin** also addressed remarks made during public comments, he directed those concerned with their 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment rights to Lansing as the Board is limited to what they can do. In regards to the hospital, he directed those interested in what the County owns and what the hospital owns to Mr. Kalchik.

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Savoie, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the Board adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk



James Martin, Chairman