

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
May 11, 2023

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Thursday, May 11, 2023, in the 91st District Courtroom.

Vice-Chairman Robert Savoie called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with a quorum present. The meeting was also available via Zoom. The clerk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Damon Lieurance, Robert Savoie, Scott Shackleton, and James Traynor,

ABSENT: Chairman Jim Martin

ALSO, PRESENT: Administrator Kelly Church, Cathy Maleport, Clerk, Karen Senkus, Nicholas Mitchell, Bev Eavou, Marta LaLonde, Lynn Farnquist, Kammelle Rader and David J Ulrey - *Present Via Zoom: Suzanne Lieurance, and B Wiesner*

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the agenda as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Traynor, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the April 13, 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 Lieurance, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the clerk's office and forward as appropriate. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Licensed Surveyor *David Ulrey* appeared before the Board to express his concerns with Resolution 2023-01.
- *Kammelle Rader* recited a prepared statement referencing gun history and the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.
- *Lynn Farnquist*, on behalf of Families against narcotics, appeared before the Board to ask the Commission if they would consider having input from entities involved with substance use disorders and the treatment of such.
- *Bev Eavou* appeared before the Board and wanted to know how school millage taxes are applied to each entity.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

NEW BUSINESS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Robert Savoie

May 9, 2023

AGENDA ITEMS

Health Department – Audit Presentation and Approval FYE 9/30/2022

Ken Talsma from Anderson, Tackman, and Company provided a presentation of the Chippewa County Health Department audit and financial statements for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022. The audit indicates that the financial statements and reports follow the government auditing standards and are classified as an unmodified opinion, a clean audit. There were no findings, and the Committee asked a couple of questions about the overhead carried by the Home Health and Hospice programs and the future changes with a reduction in CMS payments over the next couple of years.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the Chippewa County Health Department Audit FYE 9/30/2022 as presented and to publish and release where necessary. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department Programming Updates

- **Hospice Update**
- **Home Health Update**
- **Home Care/Private Duty Update**

The Committee received and reviewed the programming data for the Home Health Program monitoring the Performance Improvement Projects (PIP). All are going well, with almost 100% compliance from November 2022 through March 2023, except in wound care, which improved to 80% in March. This is a quarterly review by the Board to provide oversight to the Health Department.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to acknowledge oversight, and the programming updates for Home Health, Home Care/Private Duty, and Hospice services provided by the CCHD have been reviewed. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Health Department – Plan of Organization

The Committee reviewed the CCHD Plan of Organization, CCHD serves as the local health department for Chippewa County, and the Plan of Organization includes seven narrative sections that correspond with the requirements in the guidance document.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize the Chippewa County Health Department's Plan of Organization as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Central Dispatch – Policy Updates and New Policy

- **General Orders #622 Law Enforcement Dispatch**
- **General Order #690 County Road Commission and City Street Department Notification**
- **General Order #695 U.P. 2-1-1 Call Center**
- **General Order #696 (New) 988 Calls/Mental Health Calls**

The Committee reviewed the policies as presented and one new policy for Central Dispatch.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the policies as presented: Central Dispatch General Order #622, #690, #695, and #696 (new). On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Central Dispatch – Rave Opt-In Text Alerts \$2,500.00

The Committee reviewed a request from Central Dispatch to purchase a one-year license for Rave Opt-In text alerts; this is a similar system used by the Mackinac Bridge Authority to share information with citizens that have opted in. The USACE (*United States Army Corps of Engineers*) will reimburse this expense, and this request also asked to enter a continued contract with Rave for these services.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve a one-year subscription of \$2,500.00 for Rave Opt-In text alert services from Rave Mobile Safety; the USACE (*United States Army Corps of Engineers*) will reimburse this. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Central Dispatch – NetMotion Software 1-year Renewal \$7,200.00

The NetMotion software renewal was presented to the Committee for review and approval; this software enables multiple law enforcement agencies in Chippewa County to establish secure, reliable, and consistent connections to the MSP systems hosted by the County at Central Dispatch. This is renewed annually, as this is a cost share between the agencies, and the number of licenses changes each year.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the NetMotion Software 1-year renewal with Abolute for \$7,200.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Central Dispatch – UPS Replacement \$2,581.31

A UPS (Uninterruptible Power Supply) that runs the CAD failed on May 4, 2023, and needs to be replaced.

A quote from Emperic Solutions, Inc. was obtained after the technician visit for \$2,581.31 for a replacement UPS in the server room.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor, to authorize the purchase of the replacement UPS from Emperic Solutions, Inc. at the price of \$2,581.31, as presented and requested. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Department – Johnson Controls – Correctional Facility Software Upgrade \$11,984.00

The Committee reviewed a quote from Johnson Control to upgrade the PLC software at the Chippewa County Jail; this software operates the opening and closing of doors plus audio communication within the facility. The Sheriff signed the quote back on April 19, 2023, so the upgrade could be scheduled quickly.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve and authorize the Johnson Control quotations for **\$11,984.00** to upgrade the PLC software at the Chippewa County Jail. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Department – ACC – Delta Controls for Correctional Facility HVAC \$13,780.00

The Committee received brief background information regarding this request from ACC (Automated Comfort Controls) to upgrade the Delta Control V2 to V3 for the HVAC system in the Chippewa County Jail; Administration asked that an additional \$500.00 be added for Chippewa County staff to be trained on the web software so that it can be regularly monitored to try to get ahead of any issues with the system. A total cost of **\$14,280.00** was asked for.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize a quote from ACC in the amount of \$13,780.00 plus an additional \$500.00 for the training of County staff on the software; upgrading the Delta Controls V2 to V3 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff's Department – Stonegarden Purchases

- **18' Enclosed trailer - \$12,999.00**
- **2023 Can-Am Four-Wheeler \$11,850.00**
- **Polaris Ranger SXS ATV \$30,020.00**

The Committee was presented with three Stonegarden purchase requests for equipment, including an 18' enclosed trailer at the approximate price of \$12,999.00, a Can-Am Four-Wheeler for \$11,850.00, and a Polaris Ranger SXS ATV for the approximate price of \$30,020.00. These Stonegarden purchases have already been approved on the Federal and State level per the grant requirement at the prices above. The Sheriff's Department will follow up with the prices that exceed the quotes.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to authorize the Stonegarden Grant equipment purchases as presented, for the 18' enclosed trailer at the price of \$12,999.00 from Gaylor-Thompson Sales & Service; 2023 Can-Am Four-Wheeler, \$11,861.00 from Allstar Marine & Powersports and \$32,952.00 for a Polaris Ranger SXS ATV from Chippewa Motors, Inc. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

District Court – Mental Health Court FY2024 Grant Request

The Committee reviewed the 91st District Court Mental Health Court Grant Program; the contract will run from 10/1/2023 to 9/30/2024; the maximum amount of the grant is \$66,560.00 and shall not exceed \$32.00 per hour.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve and authorize submission of the FY2024 91st District Court – Mental Health Court Grant Program, with the grant amount not to exceed \$66,560.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Register of Deeds – Fund 256 Kofile Restoration Project

The Committee reviewed a request from Register of Deed Gigi Ferro to utilize funds from Special Fund 256 to preserve and restore the large plats kept in the ROD vault. A request to approve a 2023 project for \$6,356.82 to preserve and restore Liber 1-8 and Liber 9-20 by Kofile, who has previously done work with Chippewa County in 2017. The Committee also reviewed pricing for future projects to have Cabinets 1, 2, and 3, along with the plat book completed at the price of \$111,125.00. These future projects will be brought back to the Committee for approval once the 2023 project is completed to the satisfaction of the ROD.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the Register of Deeds request of \$6,356.82 for Kofile to preserve and restore Liber 1-8 and Liber 9-20, as quoted, and presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Veterans Affairs – Change grant to include food vouchers

The Committee reviewed the Veterans Affairs Committee documentation seeking to change the description to include food vouchers.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to acknowledge and accept the changes to the Veterans Affairs Grant to include food vouchers, as approved by the Chippewa County Veterans Affairs Committee on April 18, 2023. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Three Shores CISMA – MOU (partnership established in 2010)

The Committee reviewed a request to update an MOU which was established in 2010 as a partnership between the US Forest Service and the Chippewa Luce Mackinac County Conservation District – the document is just an understanding between all parties that we will work together to attack invasive species in the area in a coordinated manner.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to approve the updated MOU (*Memorandum of Understanding*) for the Three Shores Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA), as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – 44North – Increase monthly premiums to cover higher use

Prescription Costs are up 42%

o **GLP1 Drugs – implement pre-authorization; 60-day notice; no change in coverage**

o **International Option**

Administrator Church updated the Committee on the necessary change in the illustrated rates being used due to the increased spending on prescriptions since the beginning of the year. Drugs traditionally prescribed for diabetes management are being used as the “Hollywood miracle weight loss injections,” which are turning into many new cases; these drugs cost the County approximately \$8,000.00 monthly. Chippewa County’s budget prescription line for the year is estimated to have a shortfall of \$204,000.00 through the first four months.

The Committee was asked to implement a pre-authorization requirement for any new prescriptions for the GLP1 category of medications and to not grandfather existing utilizers. The administration will also be working/educating with employees/retirees who could be using the international program, as we have approximately ten users that could be signed up, which could be additional savings.

The Committee was presented with illustrated rates that should cover the shortfall of \$200,000.00 and increase the contracts based on rates as of 1/1/2023 and taking into consideration the number of contracts and the cost for each. Single contracts will increase by \$63.15 monthly, two-person contracts by \$143.70 monthly, and family contracts by \$182.37 monthly, and the 20% co-pays will increase monthly by \$12.63, \$28.74 and \$36.47; these rate changes will be effective June 1, 2023. Discussion followed regarding the utilization and being self-funded.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to approve the change in the GLP1 drugs, to need to be preauthorized and not grandfathered in for current utilizers and to increase the illustrated rates for health care coverage effective 6/1/2023, as follows:

- **Single coverage increases of \$63.15/month (monthly 20% co-pay increase of \$12.63)**
- **Two-person coverage increase of \$143.70/month (monthly 20% co-pay increase of \$28.74)**
- **Family coverage \$182.37/month (monthly 20% co-pay increase of \$36.47)**

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administration – Regular June Meeting Date

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to change the dates of the June Finance and Regular meetings to Monday, June 12th, for Finance Claims and Accounts and Tuesday, June 13th, for the Regular Board meeting with a Work Session at 4:00 p.m. for Michigan Association of Counties Steve Currie to present an update; due to conflicting schedules. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

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

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to recommend the approval of April County bills and payroll: general claims \$595,082.68, other fund claims \$5,082,595.03, payroll \$597,746.80, and Health Department claims \$555,011.44 and payroll \$124,886.66 total claims \$6,955,322.61. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Lieurance, to accept the May 9, 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 Traynor** *provided an update on a Kinross meeting he attended regarding the housing infrastructure status to accommodate people working at the Locks. He also noted that they will be housing those coming in to assist with Line 5.*
- **Commissioner Shackleton** *referenced Ms. Eavou' s question stated during public comments and noted that the Treasury Department would provide her with the best and quickest explanation for her questions. He went on to say that any government-owned, church-owned, school-owned, tribal property in trust or reservation status does not pay property tax.*
- **Commissioner Lieurance** *noted that he did have the opportunity to attend an UPCAP meeting in Escanaba and looks forward to bringing some of that information to the Board.*
- **Commissioner Savoie** *responding to Ms. Farnquist' s commentaries made during Public Comments, noted that the Board is moving cautiously on how to utilize the Opioid funds, further noting that there are a lot of accountabilities. He also thanked Ms. Farnquist for coming in and speaking about it.*

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner Shackleton, seconded by Commissioner Traynor, to adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk



James Martin, Chairman