

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Session
February 10, 2014

The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 4:02 p.m. in the 91st District Courtroom of the Chippewa County Building.

Present: Commissioners Don Cooper, George Kinsella, Don McLean, and Chairman Scott Shackleton

Absent: Commissioner Ted Postula

Also Present: Jim and Michelle Traynor, Debbie Sirk, Scott Brand, Sheriff Robert Savoie, Chippewa County Treasurer Marjorie Hank, Tim McKee, Administrator Jim German and Cathy Maleport, Clerk.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to add to the agenda the following:

- A Resolution for Revenue Sharing
- Acceptance of the U.S.D.A. Grant
- Verbally cover the Administrator's evaluation
- Union Contract implementation; and the
- Emergency Response Item (*brought to the Commissioners attention at the Board meeting of 12/16/2013*)

Chairman Shackleton noted the Revenue Sharing should go under Resolutions; all the others will go under Old Business except for the USDA Grant that will be put under New Business.

On a voice vote the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept the agenda as amended. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to acknowledge the correspondence received in the Clerk's Office and, if necessary, forward to the appropriate committee.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the regular County Board meeting minutes of December 16, 2013, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the Public Hearing minutes for the FY2014 budget of December 16, 2013, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the Public Hearing minutes for the Countywide Multi-hazard Mitigation Plan of December 16, 2013, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the Organizational meeting minutes of January 3, 2014, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Debbie Sirk announced that she just wanted to publicly thank Judge Church for looking into the issues she brought to the Commissioners attention at the December Board meeting and then read her response letter she provided.

Administrator's evaluation *(added to agenda)*

Chairman Scott Shackleton called upon George Kinsella, chairman of the Personnel Committee to report on the results of the Administrator's evaluation. Commissioner Kinsella indicated that, as chairman of the Personnel Committee, he reviewed and averaged the evaluations provided by the Commissioners, including his and reported that the average of those on a 1 to 5 scale was 4.3. He went on to say that the report was verbally covered with the Administrator. In addition, he urged any Commissioners that had any additional questions to contact him.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, that the evaluations tabulated by the Personnel Committee have been acknowledged and reported. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Cooper indicated that they normally get copies of those evaluations and requested copies of the full reports.

Chairman Shackleton indicated that they will look into it and noted that, to some degree, Commissioners want to be able fill out surveys, make comments, and have that information go into a tabulation of total results. He went on to say that, that the motion on the floor was that they accept the tabulation

results from the surveys. Chairman Shackleton also indicated that Commissioner Cooper has made clear that he is requesting a copy of the surveys; the Commission will have to figure out whether it's appropriate to distribute individual surveys.

Having a motion still on the floor, a voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Old Business

Union Contract Implementation *(added to the agenda by Commissioner Kinsella)*

Chairman Shackleton called upon Commissioner Kinsella to report on the Union Contract implementation.

Commissioner Kinsella provided a brief summary regarding the negotiations with the mediator and the union representatives. He noted that there are still some unanswered questions in the process and that they moved to implementation opening the floor to the Administrator, Jim German, to explain that process.

Administrator German thanked Commissioner Kinsella and Commissioner McLean for being involved in the negotiations right from the start; "We negotiated in good-faith bargaining on 2 to 3 separate occasions with other phone conferences with the union." He went on to say that they brought in a mediator when they could not reach a middle ground and explained that since this was not a binding arbitration situation, the next step was to either request fact finding or to go to implementation. They chose to go to the implementation.

It was moved by Commissioner Mclean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to proceed with the implementation regarding the bargaining of that Union Contract. A discussion followed.

Commissioner McLean provided a brief summary of his overview regarding the union negotiations, noting that it was pretty much standard procedure. He believed it was good faith bargaining and that they tried to point out the facts, as they seen them, relative to the finances.

A voice vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Emergency Response Issue that Ms. Sirk brought before the Board at the December meeting

An extensive discussion took place.

Commissioner Kinsella noted that he was authorized to respond on behalf of HBH and read a letter provided by Lisa Hinksen, as she had to be in Lansing for a meeting. *(See attached)*

Commissioner Kinsella also noted that he was in support of Tim McKee's response to the situation and provided his observations of the event.

Chairman Shackleton indicated that their first concern was the child, and hoped the child was doing better and everything was working out for the family. He went on to say that during Ms. Sirk's presentation, four agencies were named and that they wanted to make them aware of the concerns that were brought to the Board's attention. They asked for a response and received a summary letter from all except the Tribal police. Commissioner Cooper noted that he did contact the Tribe as requested by Chairman Shackleton and brought this matter to their attention. He went on to say that he did not ask them to provide anything in writing, but did provide them contact information for Ms. Sirk.

In summary, Chairman Shackleton noted, that they did receive responses from all the agencies mentioned, excluding one. They are available for everyone to review; hopefully this incident will not happen again, but if it does, hopefully it will go to the satisfaction of the family.

Administrator's Report – Given for informational purposes only. It was noted that there were two Building and Grounds issues this week. The first being a major flood at the Annex caused by a sprinkler head burst. The extent of damage to the building is significant; they do have verbal assurances from the insurance company that their deductibles should be minor. He thanked all the maintenance staff and everyone involved, including some businesses in the public that came to help immediately.

Other issues were that the phone systems went down on Wednesday; this was due to frost on a branch of a T1 line. He thanked the IT and maintenance staff as they pulled together and did a fantastic job in addressing the issues.

Commissioner Cooper noted that the Veterans Affairs' report was listed, but missing from the packet. He went on to say that Brook's Partridge term is up at the end of March. It was noted that this is to be placed on next month's agenda.

Standing Committee Reports:

Personnel/Equalization/Health and Social Services Committee

Commissioner Kinsella – January 22, 2014

Agenda Items

Prosecutor Requests

The Prosecutor had a presentation on staffing and a number of requests.

Mr. Pepler noted Liz Chambers had resigned to take the Friend of the Court position. He informed the committee that he had promoted Dennis McShane to replace her at a grade 15 start rate with additional pay of \$7,500 of stop grant funds. Also to replace Mr. McShane the prosecutor hired James Robinson to start at a grade 12 start rate.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the promotion of Dennis McShane to Chief Assistant Prosecutor at a grade 15 start rate with \$7,500 of stop grant funds and to hire James Robinson as an assistant prosecutor at a grade 12 start rate. A discussion ensued.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Peppler also requested to have the Chief Assistant prosecutor raised to level 16 and be paid at the 80 hour salary rate and the assistant attorneys be raised to a level 14 at the 80 hour rate. He also requested one additional staff attorney for his office.

It was noted that the Personnel Committee wanted to schedule an additional personnel meeting/workshop with Commissioner Cooper and Chairman Shackleton in attendance to further discuss this as the requested position was not funded; however, Mr. Peppler indicated he would not participate in it. A discussion followed.

It was noted that the commission wants to make sure all departments have adequate resources; the Prosecutor's Office is a very, very important office dealing with crime in our County; and they need to hold every department accountable and work with them towards their needs and what the County is able to provide.

Friend of the Court

The Committee received correspondence from Judge Lambros noting that Ms. Liz Chambers was promoted to the Friend of the Court at a salary of \$73,205.81 and that policy 211 will be waived per his agreement with the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept Liz Chambers as the new Friend of the Court, at a salary grade 16 two-year level at 40/per week and waive policy 211. A discussion followed.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Administrative Assistant/Information Technology Technician Job Description

Mr. German presented a new job description for the newly created position of Administrative Assistant/Information Technology Technician.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the job description for the Administrative Assistant/Information Technology Technician. On a voice vote, the motion carried with Commissioner Cooper voting Nay.

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the Personnel/Equalization/Health and Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2014, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

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

Commissioner McLean – January 23, 2014

Having no items that were to be voted on, it was moved by Commissioner McLean , seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept the Building Grounds and Jail, Legislative and Natural Resources and Information Technology Committee meeting minutes of January 23, 2014. On a voice vote, the motion carried

Finance, Claims and Accounts Committee

Commissioner Cooper – February 6, 2014

Agenda Items

800 MHz redundancy request

Tim McKee presented a request to create a redundant link to the Raco Tower from Central dispatch. The T1 switch would come from Motorola with Chippewa County to pay \$9,047 plus the monthly cost of the network at approximately \$300.00. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Cooper noted that there should be a correction, as the total costs charged to Chippewa County are \$27,143. Luce County and Mackinac County verbally indicated they would pay some; however, Chippewa County is liable for \$27,143 as they do not have a contractual arrangement.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to create a redundancy link to the Race Tower from Central Dispatch at a cost of \$27, 143., plus the monthly cost of the network.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Upgrade Eventide Telephone Recorder

Tim McKee requested to upgrade the Eventide Model 725 Recorder to the Eventide Nexlog recorder at a cost of \$23,000 and purchase the upgrade from Quality Recording Solutions.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the upgrade of the Eventide Model 725 log recorder to the Eventide Nexlog recorder at a cost of \$23,000 and the purchase coming from Quality Recording Solutions.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Request from Union for financial Services

The union presented a request for the County to allow Vantage Point Financial Group to be added as a

provider under the deferred compensation list.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the union request to allow Vantage Pointe Financial Group to be added as a provider under the deferred compensation list. A discussion followed.

Commissioner Cooper noted that this was requested by an employee and that documents will need to be signed and approved with perhaps a Resolution. He asked Kelly to research that.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff Truck Bids

The Committee received bids for a new Sheriff's Department Truck to be used to pull the airboat. A grant from the USDA was also obtained to offset cost in the amount of \$8,380.00. The County's portion of the cost would be \$21,620. with the remainder of the money going for equipment for the truck. The low bid was from O'Connors in the amount of \$25,515.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to approve the low bid from O'Connors for a Sheriff's Department truck in the amount of \$25,515.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Approve Purchase of Fujitsu fi-6770 Scanner

Bids were presented for a new scanner for the Register of Deeds.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept the bid in the amount of \$6,949.55 from 1st RUN computer services which included a 3 year Scancare Service Agreement . On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff Vehicle RFQ

The Sheriff Vehicle RFQ was presented.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the RFQ for one Sheriff's Department vehicle and include fleet pricing if that is the lowest option.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Sheriff Jail Phone Service Request

The Sheriff requested to switch phone service providers for inmates in the jail.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve switching the jail contract to Securus for inmate phone services and waive the bidding process. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

Request for Bids of Ten Desktop Computers

A request for bids for ten desktop computers was presented.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to approve the request for bids on ten desktop computers. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

FINANCE

Claims and Accounts

The Committee reviewed the bills and payroll presented for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to recommend the approval of the general claims totaling \$394,243.53, other fund claims of \$384,222.83, payroll of \$497,644.51, and Health Department claims of \$503,748.23 thru 12/27 and \$535,485.82 for January claims, total claims of \$2,315,344.92 and vouchers H-1 through H-308. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept the Finance Claims and Accounts Committee Meeting minutes of February 6, 2014, as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

New Business

Allocation Board – Position available for appointment

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, that they publicize the opening for a position on the Chippewa County Allocation Board.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

U.S.D.A. Grant *(Added to Agenda)*

Chairman Shackleton called upon Commissioner Kinsella to report on the USDA Grant.

Commissioner Kinsella explained that this was the formality of going through itnoting the total amount of the grant is \$8,380. and that the remaining balance will come out of the Sheriff's Dept. funds for the purchase of the patrol truck. They received the favorable bid from O'Connors .

It was moved by Commissioner Kinsella, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept the grant of

\$8,380. to go towards the truck they previously authorized to be purchased from O'Connors. On a voice vote, the motion carried.

UP 911 Authority Board appointment – term ~ 3 years

Administrator, Jim German respectfully asked the Commission that Tim McKee be re-appointed to the Board, as it is his belief that he is, by far and above, the most qualified.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to re-appoint Tim McKee to the UP 911 Authority Board for a term of 3 years

A discussion followed, Commissioner McLean publicly praised Mr. McKee for his excellent job and noted that he is a key member of the U.P. Board which is looked at by the rest of the state as being a leader relative to 911 advancements/technology.

On a voice vote, the motion carried.

- Resolution 14-01 – Special Tribute Ron Calery

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Kinsella, to accept Resolution No. 14 -01 as follows:

SPECIAL TRIBUTE
14-01
Ronald Calery

Let It Be Known, that it is with great pride that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners join together with the employees and residents of Chippewa County, to express their wish appreciation for Ronald Calery.

Ron Calery has served the citizens of Chippewa County in a manner above reproach, and for this we extend our thanks. Ron Calery has provided outstanding service to thousands of individuals during his tenure with War Memorial Hospital.

Ron Calery has taken personal pride in his work with Chippewa County War Memorial Hospital and has worked hard to continue the improvements of benefits for the citizens of Chippewa County.

Ron Calery through his persistence, his high performance standards, his kind friendship, his professionalism, and his insight to his fellow Board members, co-workers and citizens place him in the highest of categories.

Ron Calery has brought recognition to himself, the War Memorial Hospital and the County of Chippewa. The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the residents of Chippewa County, extends their appreciation to a Board member, friend and mentor who is thoughtful, caring, involved and dedicated, and who made a favorable impact on the betterment of life and well-being in Chippewa County.

IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE, therefore for services rendered on the War Memorial Hospital Board, this document is signed and dedicated to honor Ronald Calery, for his countless contributions to Chippewa County, and the

individuals he served so well. For his efforts in improving the welfare of the Citizens of this County, we join together to extend to Ronald Calery a gracious thank you for a job well done, and wish him continued success in which he so richly deserves.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, McLean, and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

- Resolution 14-02 – Retirement Funds

It was moved by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner McLean, to accept Resolution 14-02 as follows:

RESOLUTION # 14-02

RESOLUTION SEEKING PAYMENT OF CHIPPEWA COUNTY RETIREMENTS FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE CITY OF DETROIT.

WHEREAS, CHIPPEWA COUNTY was established in 1826, and has a population of approximately 39,300 hardworking individuals; and

WHEREAS, most CHIPPEWA COUNTY citizens pay for Local State and Federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Local elected officials are good stewards of those tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the Elected officials spend money on goods and services that benefit the citizens of CHIPPEWA COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the Officials have not misused the CHIPPEWA COUNTY treasury for their personal gain or that of their family and business associates; and

WHEREAS, none of the CHIPPEWA COUNTY officials are currently serving time in a federal prison; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA has been diligently paying into the MERS pension fund for the hard working County employees; and

WHEREAS, through no fault of CHIPPEWA COUNTY employees or the elected officials the county

pension fund is not fully funded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CHIPPEWA COUNTY is requesting the State of Michigan to fully fund the County retirement fund, as to make it fully funded, if such action is taken for the City of Detroit; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall deliver a copy of this Resolution by first class mail to the Michigan Association of Counties, the Governor, our State Senator and State Representative.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, McLean, and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

Resolution 14-03 – Resolution supporting FY2015 100% Full Funding for County Revenue Sharing.

It was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, to accept Resolution 14-03 as follows:

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION #14-03
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FY2015 100% FULL FUNDING FOR COUNTY
REVENUE SHARING**

WHEREAS, In the Governor’s recommendation for the FY 2015 budget, counties are scheduled to receive 100% full funding of revenue sharing totaling \$211,134,899; and

WHEREAS, This will bring counties to the level of revenue sharing agreed upon in 2004 for the 2005 FY; and

WHEREAS, The attached spreadsheet details the full funding allocations for FY 2015 for each county; and

WHEREAS, This marks the first time in fourteen years that the administration has recommended full funding for county revenue sharing; and

WHEREAS, Counties have worked diligently for the past decade by leading the effort to reform, consolidate, and right size government in an effort to increase efficiency and adjust declining revenues; and

WHEREAS, Revenue sharing is more than just a pot of money to be allocated in whole or in part to counties but is a statutory promise made to counties in exchange for giving up local taxing authority and for a more recent change in local taxing administration; and

WHEREAS, Revenue sharing is used by counties to pay for the multitude of state mandated services including the courts, the jails, the constitutional officers, elections and the public health system and, coupled with the recent reductions in property values and increased mandated state service delivery, counties are stretched to the financial limit; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners would like to thank the Governor for fully funding county revenue sharing payments fiscal year 2015;

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, That the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners call upon the state legislature to live up to their promise and adopt the Governor's recommendation for fully funding county revenue sharing in FY 2015;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution are forwarded to the Governor, our State Legislators, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Cooper, Kinsella, McLean, and Chairman Shackleton

Nays: None

THE RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- None

Having completed the agenda items, it was moved by Commissioner McLean, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, that the Board adjourn. On a voice vote, the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine C. Maleport, Clerk

Scott Shackleton, Chairman