

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
February 28, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Chairperson Linda Socha at 9:30 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

Present: Commissioners Linda Socha, Don Horrocks, Pete Redmond, Cal Gouine, Tony Matelski, John Wallace and Sue Allor

Absent: None

Commissioner Wallace gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Horrocks, seconded by Commissioner Allor, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS - None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Administrator Lawson asked if there were any questions in regards to his written report, which included information regarding Cheboygan Trailblazers' Building awaiting proposed 25 year lease agreement for storage of grooming equipment at the Fairgrounds from civil counsel, the Humane Society building project awaiting a draft revisions to the Animal Control Agreement to develop a long-term service agreement based large donation, Building Improvement Projects preparing Requests for Proposals for Phase I roof replacement and boiler replacement, and the City of Cheboygan Public Hearing to amend Tax Increment Financing Plan to extend until 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Matelski,, to authorize the administrator to submit RFP's for Phase I Building Improvement Projects. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Chairperson Socha said perhaps the county's policy should be amended to authorize the administrator to send out RFP's. Commissioner Allor requested more information on the City of Cheboygan's Downtown Development Authority. Administrator Lawson said the City of Cheboygan has had a DDA in place for many years and now want to extend the plan through 2022 and briefly explained what a DDA entails.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Lawson said Elaine Keiser of Elaine Keiser Architect, Inc. has been providing pro-bono preliminary design work for improvements to the Animal Shelter Building to the Humane Society since 2010. He said the agreement is time sensitive to prepare documents for construction bid in April and noted that legal counsel has reviewed the document.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks, to approve AIA Document B105-2007 Standard Form Agreement for Architect Services with Elaine Keiser Architect, Inc. for services related to Phase I Animal Control building improvements and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

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BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Sheriff Clarmont reminded everyone of the Rapid Response Training on March 6th. He said in 2011 Cheboygan County did not get funding from the Cops Fast Grant; however this can be resubmitted this year. He said only those that applied in 2011 can apply this year and they are also requiring that only veterans can be hired under this program. It was the consensus of the board to resubmit for the Cops Fast Grant this year. Sheriff Clarmont said this grant is a four year grant with a 25% match each year. The Sheriff said Maintenance Director Tim Mason did an outstanding job on the recent remodeling in the Sheriff's Department and the project is about 90% complete. He stressed the importance to keep moving forward on improving county building security.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Commissioner Wallace said board members should encourage representatives in Lansing to not support House Bills 4862 and 4863 regarding the merger of mental health and substance abuse services. He said mental health is looking for a larger area and more money to control.

Chairperson Socha said counties that get revenue sharing this year did not get the full amount. Treasurer Cronan said the governor has new program that in order to receive revenue sharing counties must meet many requirements.

Commissioner Horrocks said at the Michigan Northern Counties meeting discussion it looks like it's a done deal that NMSAS will be under mental health.

Commissioner Wallace said work has been completed on M-68 near Burger King utilizing Brownfield dollars.

Chairperson Socha said the FEMA grant for radios for the fire departments was due to collaborations among officials in all three counties. She said every fire department contributed money to hire a grant writer.

Commissioner Matelski asked what a "Dashboard" was as referred to in government. Administrator Lawson said a Dashboard shows indicators online for the general public. It is basically a report card for municipalities and shows relative data.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson