

**Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners  
Reconvened Meeting  
May 31, 2017**

The Reconvened Meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Chairman Chris Brown at 9:30 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Chris Brown, Richard Sangster, Cal Gouine, John Wallace Michael Newman and Robert Bolinger.

**ABSENT:** None – District #5 Seat Vacant

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

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** – None

**INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR DISTRICT #5 COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Chairman Brown stated that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners would be following the procedures of Public Act 261 of 1966. He introduced the following candidates interested in the appointment as County Commissioner for District #5: Arthur Archambo, Charles Brown, Mary Hebert, Roberta Matelski, Roy McFall, John Palmer, Jack Pappas, Victoria Skuse, and Robert Wagner.

Chairman Brown stated that he received a letter from a representative of the Cheboygan County Republican Party requesting that the vacancy be filled with a republican as Tony Matelski was a republican.

**CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**

Each of the seven (Roy McFall and Victoria Skuse absent) candidates was given an opportunity to introduce themselves and to answer any questions. Most of the candidates indicated if they were to run for the seat next year that they would run on the Republican ticket.

**DISCUSSION OF CANDIDATES**

Commissioner Brown thanked each candidate for their commitment given to the community and their willingness to want to provide more. He explained that the Board was given this difficult task and they were going to be the voice for District #5, keeping

in mind of what the voters in District #5 would want. He stated that it would be phenomenal if all of the nine candidates would be on the ballot in August of 2018.

Commissioner Sangster stated that Jack Pappas ran a pretty good campaign against Tony Matelski who was a tough incumbent in the last election. He enjoyed reading his resume and aired that their families came here generations ago to work and prosper. Mr. Pappas has good experience and has worked in different areas of the county.

Commissioner Newman stated that the Board of Commissioners was the representative for District #5 and knowing Tony Matelski as well as he did, Tony and Roberta Matelski worked hand in hand. Mrs. Matelski shared many of his philosophies and ideals. What she brings to the Board was a lot of time and experience. As well as her attendance at many committee meetings and time spent driving around with Tony. He hoped that they would have this many candidates running in the next election.

Commissioner Wallace commented that he has known Charles Brown, since he moved back to Cheboygan County. Mr. Brown did a great job as the County Controller and he was doing a great job with Decision to Actions, which was a wonderful program held at the Inverness School. He was a well-rounded person for Cheboygan County with family here and was a long-time resident.

#### **ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF CANDIDATE**

**Motion** by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to appoint Roberta Matelski for County Commissioner District #5. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 4 yes, 2 no (Commissioner Brown and Sangster) and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to appoint Jack Pappas for County Commissioner District #5.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace to appoint Charles Brown. The motion did not receive support and died for lack of support.

Roberta Matelski would fill the vacancy until the election on November 6, 2018.

**Motion** by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to adjourn to the call of the chairperson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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Karen L. Brewster  
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

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Chris Brown  
Chairperson