

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

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

Roll called and a quorum present.

Present: Commissioners Chris Brown, Bruce Gauthier, Cal Gouine, Tony Matelski, John Wallace, and Sue Allor.

Absent: Chairperson Pete Redmond (excused)

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

Commissioner Allor pulled Item 5-E-1 *Transportation Agreement – Straits Area Services* from the Consent Agenda and placed in under New Business as Item 12-H.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 1 absent (Commissioner Redmond).

Motion by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approve Monthly Finance Claims (Finance total = \$39,673.95, Prepays total = \$779,353.68)
- B. Budget Adjustments
- C. Invoice Write-Offs
- D. Circuit Court Drug Court
 - 1. Byrne JAG Contract
 - 2. MDCGP Grant Contract
- E. Straits Regional Ride
 - ~~1. Transportation Agreement – Straits Area Services (Moved to New Business)~~
 - 2. Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program Third Party Contract 2012-0061/P11
- F. Reid Building Lease Agreements
 - 1. District Health Department #4
 - 2. North Country Community Mental Health
 - 3. Women's Resource Center
- G. Correspondence
 - 1. Bay County Resolution Re Waterfront Community Act of 2015
 - 2. Oceana County Resolution Recognizing 9-17-15 as Constitution Day
- H. Minutes:
 - 1. Finance/Business Meeting of September 8, 2015 and Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 22, 2015
 - 2. Health Board – 8/18/15
 - 3. NEMCOG – 9/17/15
 - 4. NEMCSA – 8/15/15 & 9/11/15
 - 5. NLEA September & October President's Reports
 - 6. North Country Community Mental Health – 8/20/15
 - 7. Northern Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board – 5/15/15
 - 8. Millage Appropriation Committee – 9/14/15
 - 9. Cheboygan County Road Commission – 8/20/15 & 9/10/15
 - 10. Cheboygan City Council – 8/25/15 & 9/8/15
 - 11. Planning Commission Meeting – 9/2/15

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent (Commissioner Redmond).

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CITIZENS COMMENTS

Carl Muscott, a citizen of Tuscarora Township, suggested the Board look at a shared Equalization Director with another county. He also commented on the bids received for the purchase of a new tractor.

SCHEDULED VISITORS – None

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Finance Director Kari Kortz presented the revenue and expenditures report for the General Fund for the month ended August 31, 2015. She reported total year-to-date revenue of \$4,234,225.27, or 35.90% of budget, compared to \$4,130,056.97, or 36.40% of budget last year at the same time. Ms. Kortz reported expenditures year-to-date of \$6,974,531.21 or 59.13% of budget, compared to \$6,947,543.34, or 61.23%, last year as of the end August. Ms. Kortz presented the Cash Investment Report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Lawson updated the Board on the SAYPA program, Drug Court and Animal Shelter Project. Mr. Lawson stated that the SAYPA program has been awarded a Byrne Justice Grant in the amount of \$80,000. He said it has probably been 3 to 4 years since they have received this type of grant. Administrator Lawson stated that the Drug Court program has been awarded a grant of an additional \$20,000 from the Drug Court Grant Program. Mr. Lawson stated that the County has not received this additional grant since the first year of the program. He said Drug Court contract renewals are forthcoming for NEMCOG, Catholic Human Services, Diane Lissfelt Counseling, Harbor Hall and a potentially new contract with Salvation Army and a mental psychologist. Administrator Lawson stated that the Animal Shelter project is moving forward and the contractor is on site.

Commissioner Gauthier asked Administrator Lawson if he had any details on the mental health professional coming in for the drug court program. Administrator Lawson said there is not a lot of details at this time, but hope is to bring in a higher-level mental health professional for the program.

Commissioner Gouine asked Administrator Lawson about the Veteran's Park sign. Administrator Lawson stated that the park will need a whole new sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gauthier attended a Board Appointments and Procedures Committee meeting where elected officials' salaries for 2016 were discussed. The committee does not have a recommendation yet at this time. He also reported attending a Regional Prosperity meeting, and the monthly NEMSCA meeting.

Commissioner Gouine attended an Inverness Township meeting.

Commissioner Matelski attended a Millage Appropriation meeting, a Waterways Commission meeting, two Planning Commission meetings, a Regional Prosperity meeting, a ZBA meeting, a Road Commission meeting, and four Township meetings. He said the township clerks are concerned with the security system here at the County Building during election time. Both Administrator Lawson and Clerk Tryban said arrangements will be made for those times and the Clerk will advise the local clerks.

Commissioner Brown reported attending township meetings in his district, and the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee meeting,

Commissioner Wallace spoke regarding Northeast Consortium and NEMCOG anticipating joining force under the Regional Prosperity Initiative, has hit a snag with the three counties that are joining our area. He reported on the resurfacing of Eagles Nest Road, the sewer system, and construction of the new Otsego Memorial Hospital clinic in Tuscarora Township.

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Commissioner Allor attended a Millage Appropriation meeting, the Health Board meeting, an Area Agency on Aging meeting, a meeting of North Country Community Mental Health Board, and township meetings in Forest, Walker, Wilmot and Nunda. She said District 4 Health has been seeing more hepatitis C especially in younger people because of drug usage and the Health Department will be continuing the maternal, infant, child program. Area Agency on Aging applied for a state grant and will be studying bullying in nursing homes. She said NCCMH presented a conflict of interest statement approved in August which states board members are prohibited from providing or disclosing confidential consumer information and are prohibited from knowingly disclosing information about NCCMH to those that do not have a need to know or whose interests may be adverse to NCCMH either inside or outside North Country, nor may board members use such information to the detriment allowed that may be negative to NCCMH. She refused to sign the agreement, so she believes they will be eliminating that statement.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Community Planner Scott McNeil presented Zoning Ordinance Amendment #130 regarding the use of tents, travel trailers, campers, recreational vehicles and undersized mobile homes. Mr. McNeil reviewed a list of goals to be accomplished by the amendment. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment. Commissioner Gouine asked if contractor job trailers need a permit. He said they do. Commissioner Gouine stated he does not like that.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to adopt the following Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance:

Zoning Ordinance Amendment #130

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE #200 TO ALLOW USES FOR TENTS, TRAVEL TRAILERS, CAMPERS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND UNDERSIZED MOBILE HOMES OUTSIDE OF CAMPGROUNDS AND TO ALLOW STORAGE OF TRAVEL TRAILERS, CAMPERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES OUTDOORS.

THE COUNTY OF CHEBOYGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDAINS

Section 1. Amendment of Section 2.2.

Section 2.2. of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No. 200 is hereby amended to add the following definitions in their appropriate alphabetical locations, which definitions shall read in their entirety as follows;

Caretaker

A person who is employed or otherwise retained to maintain and/or manage a property.

Immediate Family

A person's parent; sibling; child by blood, adoption, or marriage; spouse; grandparent or grandchild.

Mobile Home, Undersized

A Mobile Home which does not meet the minimum floor area and building width requirements for a dwelling unit as required by this ordinance for a particular zoning district.

Tent

A portable temporary shelter, typically made of canvas, nylon or similar material, stretched over a supporting framework and used for a brief period of time and for recreational purposes only.

Watchman

A person who is employed or otherwise retained to stand guard or keep watch over a property.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 17.7.

Section 17.7. of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance #200 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows;

SECTION 17.7. USE OF TENTS, TRAVEL TRAILERS, CAMPERS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND UNDERSIZED MOBILE HOMES

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A person may use a tent, travel trailer, camper, recreational vehicle or undersized mobile home outside of a campground in any zoning district as a temporary dwelling, as an office for a caretaker or watchman, as a contractor's office and/or as a contractor's storage purposes, for vacation and hunting stays, for short term stays on a lot with a principal single family dwelling and a travel trailer, camper or recreational vehicle may be stored out of doors as provided in this section.

17.7.1. A tent, travel trailer, camper, recreational vehicle or undersized mobile home may be used as a temporary dwelling while the owner of the lot completes construction of a single family or two family dwelling on that lot, provided all of the following requirements are met:

17.7.1.a The owner obtains a zoning permit for the temporary dwelling under Section 21.3 of this Ordinance.

17.7.1.b The temporary dwelling fully complies with all setbacks requirements of the zoning district within which it is located.

17.7.1.c No more than one (1) tent, travel trailer, camper, recreational vehicle or undersized mobile home is located on the lot while construction is ongoing.

17.7.1.d A building permit has been issued for construction of the dwelling.

17.7.1.e. Except as provided herein, the temporary dwelling is occupied for no more than twelve (12) consecutive months. A zoning permit may be issued for an additional twelve (12) consecutive month period provided construction of the dwelling for which a building permit has been issued in conjunction with the temporary dwelling is 50% complete or more. A zoning permit may be issued for a second additional twelve (12) consecutive month period provided construction of the dwelling for which a building permit has been issued in conjunction with the temporary dwelling is 75% complete or more.

17.7.1.f The temporary dwelling has a method of sewage and waste disposal that meets the requirements of the local Health Department.

17.7.1.g Use of the temporary dwelling shall cease within thirty (30) days of the issuance of an occupancy permit for the dwelling for which the building permit was issued.

17.7.1.h The temporary dwelling is removed from the lot within thirty (30) days of the issuance of an occupancy permit for the dwelling for which the building permit was issued unless used or stored in conformance with this ordinance.

17.7.2. An undersized mobile home may be used as an office for a caretaker or watchman provided all of the following requirements are met:

17.7.2.a The use is located in the Agriculture and Forestry Management, Commercial Development, Light Industrial Development or General Industrial Development District.

17.7.2.b The owner obtains a zoning permit for the office use under Section 21.3 of this Ordinance.

17.7.2.c The undersized mobile home fully complies with all setback requirements of the zoning district within which it is located.

17.7.2.d The office use is accessory to a main use on the same lot.

17.7.2.e No more than one (1) undersized mobile home is located on the lot for use as an office for the caretaker or watchman.

17.7.2.f. The undersized mobile home has a method of sewage and waste disposal that meets the requirements of the local Health Department.

17.7.3. A travel trailer, camper, recreational vehicle or undersized mobile home may be used as a temporary contractor's office and/or storage purposes, provided all of the following requirements are met:

17.7.3.a The owner obtains a zoning permit for the office and/or storage use under Section 21.3 of this Ordinance.

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17.7.3.b The office and/or storage use is in conjunction with a construction project that has been authorized in accordance with this ordinance.

17.7.3.c The travel trailer, camper, recreational vehicle or undersized mobile home fully complies with all setbacks requirements of the zoning district within which it is located.

17.7.3.d The travel trailer, camper, recreational vehicle or undersized mobile home has a method of sewage and waste disposal that meets the requirements of the local Health Department.

17.7.3.e The travel trailer, camper, recreational vehicle or undersized mobile home is removed from the lot within thirty (30) days of the completion of the construction project authorized under this Ordinance.

17.7.4. A tent, travel trailer, camper or recreational vehicle may be used in the Agriculture and Forestry Management zoning district without a zoning permit, for vacation and hunting stays provided all of the following conditions and requirements are met: (Provisions for camping under Public Act 368 of 1978, part 125 as amended may also apply)

17.7.4.a. Each tent, travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle fully complies with rear setback requirements of the district. The front setback shall be seventy five (75) feet. Side setbacks shall be 30% of the lot width or one hundred and fifty (150) feet whichever is less.

17.7.4.b. Each tent, travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle has a method of sewage and waste disposal that meets the requirements of the local Health Department.

17.7.5. A tent, travel trailer, camper or recreational vehicle may be used in the all zoning districts except the Agriculture and Forestry Management zoning district (See section 17.7.4.for requirements in the Agriculture and Forestry Management District.) without a zoning permit, for vacation and hunting stays provided all of the following conditions and requirements are met: (Provisions for camping under Public Act 368 of 1978, part 125 as amended may also apply.)

17.7.5.a. For lots less than one half (1/2) acre in area, no more than one (1) tent, travel trailer, camper or recreational vehicle shall be used as authorized by this subsection on the lot at the same time.

17.7.5.b. For each additional full one half (1/2) acre of lot area one (1) additional tent, travel trailer, camper or recreational vehicle may be used as authorized by this subsection on the lot at the same time with a maximum of four (4) such tents, travel trailers, campers or recreational vehicles.

17.7.5.c. Each tent, travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle fully complies with the front and rear setback requirements of the zoning district within which it is located. Side setbacks shall be 30% of the lot width or one hundred and fifty (150) feet whichever is less.

17.7.5.d. The use of tents, travel trailers, campers or recreational vehicles shall be limited to three (3) periods of thirty (30) consecutive days in a calendar year when located within three hundred (300) feet of a dwelling which is located on a separate lot.

17.7.5.e. Each tent, travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle has a method of sewage and waste disposal that meets the requirements of the local Health Department.

17.7.5.f. Each tent, travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle that is used in the Lake and Stream Protection and Residential Development zoning districts, in addition to complying with the regulations of subsections 17.7.5.a through 17.7.5.d. shall be removed from the lot during periods when not being used for vacation or hunting stays, unless stored under the requirements of Section 17.7A of this Ordinance.

17.7.6. Notwithstanding the regulations of subsection 17.7.5, if a tent, travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle is used on a lot that has a principal single family dwelling within all zoning districts except the Agricultural and Forest Management zoning district, then that tent, travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle may be used without a zoning permit for short term stays by the guests and immediate family of the owner or occupant of the lot, provided all of the following applicable requirements are met:

17.7.6.a. No more than a total of four (4) tents, travel trailers, campers, or recreational vehicles are used as authorized by this subsection on the lot at the same time.

17.7.6.b. Each tent, travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle is used in no more than three (3) periods of use in a calendar year, with each period of use being no more than twenty-one (21) consecutive days.

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17.7.6.c Each tent, travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle fully complies with all setback requirements of the zoning district within which it is located.

Section 3. Addition of Section 17.7A.

The Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance #200 is hereby amended to add a new Section 17.7A, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 17.7A. STORAGE OF TRAVEL TRAILERS, CAMPERS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES.

An unoccupied travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle may be stored outdoors without a zoning permit by the owner thereof on their own property, provided the following requirements are met:

17.7A.1. When a travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle is stored on a lot with a main building the travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle shall be stored in the rear yard of the lot when the rear yard can be accessed without traveling on the adjacent lots. When the rear yard cannot be accessed without traveling on the adjacent lots, then the travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle may be stored in the side yard of the lot.

17.7A.2. When a travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle is stored on a vacant non waterfront lot, the travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle shall be stored on the one half (1/2) of the lot furthest from the road.

17.7A.3. When a travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle is stored on a vacant waterfront lot, the travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle shall be stored on the one half (1/2) of the lot furthest from the front lot line. A travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle shall not be stored on a vacant waterfront lot which does not meet minimum lot size requirements for a dwelling.

17.7A.4. The travel trailer, camper, or recreational vehicle is stored in full compliance with all setback requirements of the zoning district within which it is located.

17.7A.5. If stored within thirty (30) feet of a side property line, all such travel trailers, campers, or recreational vehicles must be screened from view of the side property lines with a solid evergreen hedge with a minimum height of six (6) feet, privacy fence with a minimum height of six (6) feet or natural foliage sufficient to provide screening from view of the side property line.

Section 4. Severability.

If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, said declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the County.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Maintenance Engineer Tim Mason presented a request to purchase a new tractor. The tractor would replace the current tractor purchased in 1986 used to blow snow and do general grounds maintenance. Administrator Lawson said bids were submitted by Skinners Garage for a Kubota L3560 in the amount of \$31,128.18 including a \$7,500 trade in and for a Massey Ferguson 1742 in the amount of \$30,618.69 including a \$7,500 trade in; Ginop Sales for a Kubota L3560 in the amount of \$27,723.41 including \$8,500 trade in; and Don's Tractor & Equipment for a New Holland BO37 in the amount of \$18,560 including \$10,000 trade in and an optional broom attachment for the amount of \$5,500 for a total of \$24,060.

Motion by Commissioner Gouine, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to award the bid for a new tractor with attachments to Don's Tractor & Equipment in the amount of \$24,060 with trade in. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Administrator Lawson presented the recommendation of the Millage Appropriation Committee. The recommendation for the Cheboygan County Council on Aging is \$60,000 less than requested based on the amount of reserves CCCOA has for operational expenses and that the County will cover the roof

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repair for the Wolver Center utilizing Senior Millage Funds. The recommendation for Wawatam Area Seniors is \$7,788 less than requested to reflect the number of Cheboygan County residents served in relation to the Center's total operating cost. The MSU-E Project Fresh appropriation is \$500 more than requested to provide more coupons for use by seniors.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier, to approve the allocation of \$510,975 from the Senior Millage Fund to the Cheboygan County Council on Aging; to approve the allocation of \$49,704 from the Senior Millage Fund to Wawatam Area Senior Citizens, Inc.; and to approve the allocation of \$7,500 from the Senior Millage Fund to MSUE Project Fresh. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Treasurer Linda Cronan requested that the Assistant Treasurer position and the Homestead Audit Clerk be increased to 40 hours per week from the current 37.5 hours. She said the funding for the Assistant Treasurer position would come from the foreclosure fund and the funding for the additional hours for the Homestead Audit Clerk would come from the homestead audit fund. She is also decreasing the hours of the Clerk II position to 24 hours from 37.5 hours.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to adopt Amendment #11 to the 2015 Salary and Wage Resolution – General Employees #14-021 to be effective October 14, 2015, authorize the Chairperson to sign and approve the necessary budge adjustment. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Administrator Lawson stated to comply with State deadlines and requirements it is necessary to appoint an Interim Equalization Director to sign and submit the necessary State reports while the County is in the process of hiring an Equalization Director. He said Janice Eaton agreed to act in this capacity at a rate of \$4,167 per month with no benefits. She would be an employee but generally will not be working on site.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commission Gauthier, to appoint Janice B. Eaton Interim Equalization Director at a salary of \$4,167 per month. No other benefits, sick or vacation time to be provided. Motion carried with 5 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Wallace) and 1 absent.

County Clerk Mary Ellen Tryban advised that the terms of Barbara Rotter (Republican) and Bobie Crongeyer (Democrat) on the Cheboygan County Board of Canvassers expire on November 1, 2015. Pursuant to MCL 168.24c she contacted the county committee of each political party and requested names of nominees for the party's expiring seat on the Board. The law states that each party is to provide the county clerk with three nominees. The following names were submitted by the Republican Party: Barbara Rotter, Greg Harwick and Geno D'Angelo. The following names were submitted by the Democratic Party: Bobie Crongeyer, Susan Page and Cyndi Kress. The terms of these appointments are four (4) years, expiring November 1, 2019. Clerk Tryban said that MCL 168.24c requires the County Board of Commissioners to fill the two vacancies on the Board by electing a Republican member and a Democratic member from the submitted names; and, Michigan election law specifies that the County Board of Commissioners use ballots when filling the seats. A ballot was distributed to each commissioner and were collected and tallied by the Clerk. Geno D'Angelo was elected as the Republican member of the Board of Canvassers and Bobie Crongeyer was elected as the Democratic member.

Administrator Lawson said the 87-A District Court in Otsego County has requested the establishment of a multi-district area between Otsego County District Court and Cheboygan County District Court for the appointment of Colleen S. Ashley as magistrate under MCL 600.8501 which authorizes her to perform duties in both counties. Ms. Ashley is a Cheboygan County resident and must be appointed by the County of residency although her duties primarily will be in Otsego.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution No. 15-10

Recitals

- A. MCL 600.8320 authorizes two adjoining District Courts of the first class to create a multiple district plan.

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- B. Pursuant to Local Administrative Order D87-A-2015-07J and Local Administrative Order D89-2015-10J, effective September 8, 2015, the 87-A District Court and the 89 District Court established a multiple-district area composed of the counties of Otsego and Cheboygan.
- C. Pursuant to the multiple-district plan, the Judges of the 87-A District Court and the 89 District Court appointed Colleen S. Ashley as a magistrate under MCL 600.8501 and authorized her to perform duties within both counties.
- D. MCL 600.8501(1) provides that the Board of Commissioners shall approve the appointment of a magistrate that has been made by the District Court Judges.
- E. The Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, therefore, desires to fulfill its statutory obligation by the adoption of this Resolution.

Resolution

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES and approves the appointment of the following individual as Magistrate to serve the 87-A District Court and the 89 District Court in accordance with the provisions permitted under MCL 600.8251 and 600.8320, effective February 24 1994 and Administrative Order 2012-7, effective January 1, 2013 permitting two adjoining districts to establish a multi-district plan: Colleen S. Ashley, Magistrate

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Commissioner Allor had requested the Transportation Agreement between Straits Area Services and Straits Regional Ride be moved to New Business for discussion. Administrator Lawson stated the Transportation Agreement is for three years 2015 through 2018 at \$101,500 per year billed monthly at \$8,458.22, with assurance we will be credited \$406 per day for snow days that clients are not transported after 1 grace day per year is exhausted. This contract provides transportation for clients from their homes to the SAS workshop in the AM with return to their homes in the PM. Administrator Lawson said the biggest change with this contract is Straits Area Services lost money from North Country Community Mental Health in the amount of \$36,000. Commissioner Allor noted NCCMH wages increased significantly (an additional \$330,000) while funding for Straits Area Services has seen reductions. If they would have decreased wages and benefits by just 1% they would have had funds (approximately \$130,000) available that could possibly have gone to Straits Area Services to eliminate the reduction.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to approve the Transportation Agreement between Straits Area Services, Inc. and Straits Regional Ride for 2015 through 2018 and authorize the Chair to sign. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 5 yes, 1 no and 1 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Scott Swanson, a resident of Tuscarora Township, commented on the special assessment district in Tuscarora Township. He said in establishing the special assessment for Eagles Nest Road special assessment laws were manipulated. He said the sewer system is another example.

Carl Muscott, a resident of Tuscarora Township, commented on mental health costs and services. He said with Straits Regional Ride, Emmet County is talking about expanding the public transportation system. He said the board should stay up on that.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wallace distributed stats from Michigan Works for September.

Commissioner Brown asked what the status is for ORV operations on public roads. Sheriff Clarmont said the county ordinance allows ORV on county roads, with certain restrictions, like they must state on the

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right of way, go single file, and not exceed 25 mph. He said you cannot ride on the sides of State trunk lines such as US 27, US 23, M68. Incorporated areas like the City of Cheboygan regulate their own use of ORV's. The sheriff said there are two ORV permits (ORV sticker and Trails permit) which are regulated by the DNR. Commissioner Brown said Mackinaw City recently had an ORV event.

Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to go into closed session for the purpose of a strategy session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement as authorized by Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268 (c). A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:20 A.M.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 1:35 P.M.

Administrator Lawson said the elected officials will be meeting on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. Treasurer Cronan said the Prosecutor wants to get together to discuss the process used to determine wage and salary increases. Sheriff Clarmont said the packet the Administrator handed out today basically covers what the Prosecutor is looking for. Administrator Lawson most likely it will not answer all the questions, but working on closing the gaps.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to adjourn this meeting to the call of the chair. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 P.M.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

Sue Allor
Vice-Chairperson