

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2014**

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, Bruce Gauthier, Cal Gouine, Pete Redmond, Tony Matelski, John Wallace, and Sue Allor.

Absent: None

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Veterans Director Stephen Sweet presented and highlighted the Annual Report for 2013. He noted for FY 2013 expenditures paid to Cheboygan County Veterans totaled \$17,144,000, up from \$13,198,000 in FY 2012. Mr. Sweet said he was not here in 2013 and cannot speak directly to that year, but would be willing to answer any questions the board may have. Commissioner Socha asked if every veteran that receives services from the office completes a survey. Mr. Sweet confirmed that all veterans who are in the office are asked if they would like to fill out a survey. Commissioner Gauthier asked for clarification regarding the various veterans' services funds. Mr. Sweet briefly explained the funds. Commissioner Allor requested a status update on the veteran's services van. Mr. Sweet stated that the van is frequently in use and they could use more drivers. Discussion was held regarding veteran benefits. Chairperson Socha commended Mr. Sweet on obtaining certification.

Community Development Director Steve Schnell presented the Community Development 2013 Annual Report. He reviewed and highlighted the report and related how the department has been addressing the Board of Commissioners' goals and objectives. Commissioner Gouine asked about the \$100/day penalty that is charged if a contractor goes beyond 120 days of construction. Mr. Schnell reaffirmed that it is a common requirement and it is easily met based on the size of the projects. Commissioner Wallace asked about a County Treasurer property for sale. Treasurer Linda ~~Socha~~ (9-9-14) Cronan stated the sale was held the past Saturday. Mr. Schnell stated that there are some outstanding loans out on properties that no longer qualify for the housing program; people would need to reapply or pay off the loan. Commissioner Gouine asked what requirements there are for a new business in addition to state, federal and county registrations. Mr. Schnell stated that a commercial inspection for zoning is required.

Patrick Cudney, District Coordinator for MSU-E, presented the 2013-2014 Annual Report. MSU-E staff, Leigh Ann Theunick, Patti Spinella, Mary McTevia, and Michelle Jarvie were also present. Discussion was held regarding the chef program for SAYPA participants and Project Fresh. Commissioner Socha asked about the various cooking/canning courses sponsored by MSU-E. MSU-E staff provided information. Mr. Cudney announced a new District Coordinator is being sought as he will serve as associate director of operations of Michigan State University Extension starting September 1, 2014. Leigh Ann Theunick, 4-H Coordinator, presented information about current 4-H programs and reported 389 4-H Children & Youth programs were available in the county. The Board of Commissioners was invited to the MSUE office in the Doris Reid Center following the meeting for an open house to celebrate 100 years of Michigan State University Extension.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Lawson reported on several projects. Mr. Lawson stated that he attended a regional risk management meeting. He stated that there will be a dedication for Straits Regional Ride bike racks at the airport tomorrow evening. He stated that the county website will see a few additions and changes which are required for participation in revenue sharing. He noted that persons entering the Reid building currently need to do so through the Health Department because of construction. Mr. Lawson said he as spoken with the Humane Society regarding project scheduling issues.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Dale Clarmont presented the annual Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Application.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to approve the application for Fiscal Year 2015 Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program and authorize the Chairperson to sign all forthcoming required documentation after review by Finance Director and Civil Counsel, if applicable. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Financial Director Kortz presented the Victim’s Rights Application – MDCH Fiscal Year 2015 Grant Agreement for the Prosecutor’s Office.

Commissioner Allor requested a correction to the State House of Representatives from 105 to 106 and 107 in the application.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Allor, to authorize submission of the Victim Rights Prosecutor’s Fiscal Year 2015 Grant Application using the e-grams online grant management system by the Finance Director on behalf of the Chairperson of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners and authorize the execution of all other necessary grant agreements and documents by the County Chairperson after review by the Finance Director and Civil Counsel, if applicable, and authorize the Finance Director to submit any future reporting requirements on behalf of the County Board using the e-grams online grant management system. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION – None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

County Treasurer Linda Socha (9-9-14) Cronan stated that there was an 8’ snake found in town and it is now at the humane society.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Matelski asked about scheduling for the Cop Drop. Sheriff Clarmont stated that he thinks it is scheduled for September 10th.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to adjourn the meeting to the call of the chair at 11:26 a.m. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Linda Socha
Chairperson