

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
January 3, 2017**

The organizational meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Cheboygan County Clerk Karen L. Brewster at 9:30 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

**Present:** Commissioners Chris Brown, Richard Sangster, Michael Newman, Cal Gouine, Tony Matelski, John Wallace, and Robert R. Bolinger

**Absent:** None

Clerk Brewster administered the Oaths of Office to all Commissioners.

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** – Carl Muscott commented on the removal of Mike Kavanaugh and John Jazdyzk from the Planning Commission and he hopes that this can be resolved. A letter to the Board of Commissioners was handed out.

Chuck Freese also commented on the removal of Mike Kavanaugh and John Jazdyzk, and that their background and experience that they bring to the Planning Commission would be a loss to Citizens of Cheboygan County.

Administrator Lawson presented the options for term of office for the Board Chairperson. He reported that civil counsel advised if the Board wishes to have the term for one year rather than two years, a resolution to that effect would be necessary. Discussion held.

**Motion** by Commissioner Gouine, seconded by Commissioner Wallace to maintain a two-year term of office for the Board Chairperson and Board Vice Chairperson as provided by statute. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Clerk Brewster opened the floor for nominations for the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners Chairperson. Commissioner Wallace nominated Commissioner Matelski for Board Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Gouine. There was unanimous support for nomination.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Brown to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Tony Matelski as Chair of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Chairman Matelski opened the floor for nominations for the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Matelski nominated Commissioner Brown for Board Vice Chairperson seconded by Commissioner Wallace. Commissioner Newman nominated Commissioner Wallace. Commissioner Wallace declined.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Brown as Vice Chair of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Clerk Brewster swore in Commissioner Tony Matelski as Chair for 2017-2018 and Commissioner Chris Brown as Vice Chair for 2017 of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Matelski presented the current Cheboygan County Mission and Vision Statements. Discussion was held.

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**Motion** by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger to reaffirm the following as the Cheboygan County Mission Statement; “Cheboygan County officials and staff will strive to provide public services in an open and courteous manner and will responsibly manage county resources” and to reaffirm the current Cheboygan County Vision Statement; “The County of Cheboygan will strengthen its position as a diverse, family-oriented community while promoting a higher quality of life, a safe environment, balanced growth and positive interaction with all citizens”. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Lawson distributed copies of the 2016 Assignments - Commissioners Committee Appointments. Discussion was held. There was unanimous support from the Board of Commissioners to adjourn any decisions until the next Finance Meeting.

Chairman Matelski addressed the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners meeting calendar for 2017. The two regular meetings will continue to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, with the Finance/Business meetings held on the second Tuesday and the Committee of the Whole meetings to be held on the fourth Tuesday.

**Motion** by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger to adopt the meeting calendar for 2017 as presented. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger to adopt the 2017 Rules of Order of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners as presented with the Board Chairperson serving a two-year term. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

County Treasurer Buffy Weldon presented the Depository Resolution 17-01 and Investment Resolution 17-02.

**Motion** by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Wallace to adopt Cheboygan County Resolution 17-01; Depository Resolution (copy on file in County Clerk’s Office). A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Wallace to adopt Cheboygan County Resolution 17-02; Investment Resolution (copy on file in County Clerk’s Office). A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Gouine to reappoint Honorable Judge Scott Pavlich, Honorable Judge Robert Butts and Honorable Judge Maria Barton for a one year term to the Community Corrections Advisory Board effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Discussion was held. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Kathy Morrow commented that NEMCSA sent a Board of Commissioners packet for a meeting scheduled on January 6, 2017 in Bay City, Michigan. Commissioner Sangster accepted the assignment to be on the NEMCSA Committee. Discussion held.

Administrator Lawson commented that the Cheboygan County is looking at the possibility of purchasing the Armory Building. A memo will be sent out to the Board of Commissioners with more information. Discussion held.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Sangster, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

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Karen L. Brewster  
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

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Anthony M. Matelski  
Chairperson