

**Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners
Committee of the Whole Meeting
January 22, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Chairperson John Wallace at 9:31 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary Ellen Tryban, Richard Sangster, Michael Newman, Cal Gouine, Roberta Matelski, John Wallace and Steve Warfield.

ABSENT: None

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Judge Daryl Vizina thanked Tim Cook and Patrick Charboneau who volunteered their labor with the remodeling of Probate Court. He also thanked Sam Arms and Kim Chimner for their time. It is not quite finished with carpet to be installed and some electrical work to be finished. He invited everyone to come up and check out the new remodeled courtroom.

Mark Chimner citizen of Benton Township commented about some issues with the Cheboygan County Airport. He has his airplane stored 50 miles away and he would like to rent a hanger. Commissioner Wallace stated that he would pass this information on to Civil Counsel for a ruling.

SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chairperson Wallace and Administrator Lawson presented Probate Administrator Patty Hansen an appreciation certificate for her 36 years of service with Cheboygan County. She received a standing ovation. Ms. Hansen thanked the academy and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to serve the Probate Court. Probate Court is the most important Court because of the people that they serve.

Prosecutor Melissa Goodrich introduced herself and complimented the Prosecuting Attorney's staff for all their help with the transition. She introduced her new staff members, Assistant Prosecutor Amber Libby and Clerk Sarah Hartman.

Emergency Management Director Megan Anderson presented an update on the EOC/Emergency Management. A handout was given out, which gave an outline of the

Emergency Management Overview, which included the Department of Homeland Security's Mission for Emergency management; Michigan Emergency Management Act (P.A.) 390 of 1976; list of Enabling Legislation; Emergency Management Programmatic Requirements; High Level OEM-Disaster Declaration; Mid-Level OEM-Level Emergency/Incident and Off-Site/Routine Assistance. A Public Officials Conference was to be scheduled this summer to be held at the Emmet/Charlevoix Fairgrounds T-Barn. She gave examples of certain emergency situations and the plan of attack and also a summary of her background.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the Jail Project. Jail Security Contractor Presidio is expecting to be finished at the end of the month. Testing to be done in early February on the door and camera systems.

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment. Staff sent the notice of intent for the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment into NEMCOG, which would be relayed to the State of Michigan so we will be ready to begin formulating a committee again for that process.

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the NLEA contract. Staff was notified by the NLEA that Emmet County has not approved their agreement for 2019 for services. Conversation should be entered into with them, but until then, NLEA will not be providing any other services to Emmet County at this time.

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the Black River Limited Partnership. A request to participate in a Dispute Resolution Process conducted by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff to come to an agreement between Black River LP, Black Lake Association and the Black Lake Preservation Society as to the long term protocol of the hydroelectric dam and head pond in relate to the water level of Black Lake. Staff and the Drain Commissioner have received information and have participated in conversations held between the parties over the past year and will submit correspondence identifying that the County will participate in the Dispute Resolution Process.

Commissioner Gouine commented on if there has been any progress on the Rapid River research. Administrator Jeff Lawson stated that we submitted a grant a little over a year ago and the Feds have agreed to pay for 50% of that study with additional conversation whereby no one else agreeing to pay the remaining 50%. The study was designed, basically, to look back at the 1964 study and reconfirm that the Smith Rapids actual restriction of high water events. Nothing further has happened with that, but if this comes up in the conversation, he would relay this back to the parties to talk about it.

Commissioner Newman questioned the punch list on the Jail Expansion and the generator. Administrator Lawson stated that there is still punch list items to be

addressed. BCI was scheduled to be here tomorrow to finish up on a few things. A generator was provided as a backup until the shipment of the permanent generator.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Director James Manko presented the 2019 National Crime Victims Grant. The County is eligible for grant funding from the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan for Public Awareness for Crime Victim Rights Week. Last year they received \$400 from PAAM and the year before that they received \$350. The grant needs to be applied for by the end of this month.

Motion by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Warfield, to authorize grant submittal and execution of all other necessary grant documents by the County Board Chairperson after review from Finance Director and Legal Counsel. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Jeff Lawson presented the 2019 Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant. The State of Michigan has designated the use of Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight funds to provide education program through the Health Department. This grant was released by the State in late December and had to be submitted prior to the meeting. The County will be the fiduciary agency for the grant funds. Discussion was held on the allocation of funds and the short period of time to apply for the grant.

Motion by Commissioner Tryban, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to ratify submittal of the 2019 Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Jeff Lawson presented the Rieth-Riley remaining Jail/Storage Building Pavement Agreement. In order to close out the Jail/Storage Building Project prior to next spring, the remaining pavement cost will be deducted from the BCI and Kujawa Agreements. The agreement coordinates directly with Rieth-Riley to complete remaining pavement work in the spring.

Motion by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to approve the agreement with Rieth-Riley to complete the Jail/Storage Building pavement project in the amount of \$25,542.00. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Jeff Lawson presented the Maintenance Superintendent Employment Agreement with Darian Hughey. The position of Maintenance Superintendent was advertised by the County on the County web site and in the local newspapers. The County received twelve (12) applications for the position and interviewed four (4). Mr. Hughey will be promoted from the Custodian II position.

Motion by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to approve the employment agreement with and appoint Darian Hughey as the Maintenance Superintendent with a starting salary of \$48,000. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Commissioner Wallace commented that he has asked Catholic Human Services to come in to do a presentation on how and what they are doing for drug and alcohol treatment as well as education in Cheboygan County.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Louis Vallance a citizen of Grant Township and City property owner commented on the ongoing drainage issues on the east side of Cheboygan County located by the Cheboygan Cement Plant on Lafayette to Duncan Bay, over to Butler and Alpena State Road. The land over there does not drain properly. The Drain Commissioner and County Road Commission needs to do their duties as to Public Act 51. A developer did a soil sample and the land was too soft for development. Administrator Lawson commented that they have talked in the past. As far as drains in the County, there are not any designated drainage districts in Cheboygan County. The process of maintaining drains goes back to the jurisdictions that would have control over them. Property owners can petition the Drain Commission to develop a drainage district, which would allow the drain commission to look at improvements. We can look at and identify which jurisdiction that it is under, talk about what has to be done and move forward at that point and time. Mr. Vallance commented on the SRR service not being available for public transportation other than for contracted services. Yesterday, he was unable to receive a ride into town from his residence to meet with Senator Schmidt. Commissioner Wallace commented that this would be taken under advisement.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Matelski commented that she attended a couple meetings with one being the Veterans Park Committee meeting last Wednesday. The committee was really working at moving forward on the park renovation.

Motion by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to adjourn to the call of the chairperson. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Karen L. Brewster
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

John B. Wallace
Chairperson