

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
January 28, 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, Pete Redmond, Cal Gouine, Tony Matelski, John Wallace, and Sue Allor

Absent: None

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

The new Veterans Service Director, Stephen Sweet, introduced himself to the board. He began in his new position on January 14th, 2014. Mr. Sweet is retired from military service. He expressed the need for volunteers for driving the DAV van for veterans. Volunteers need to be DAV certified. Mr. Sweet also discussed the program interface used by the Veterans Services office, Vetrespect. The Board welcomed Mr. Sweet.

IT Director Matt Hellens introduced the new Information Systems Network Technician, Dave Berg to the board. Mr. Berg is a Cheboygan native with a degree from Northern Michigan University and 9 years of experience with IT consultation. The Board welcomed Mr. Berg.

Chairperson Linda Socha, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Cheboygan County, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Sue Muschell for her years of dedication and service on the Cheboygan County Board of Canvassers.

Chairperson Linda Socha, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the citizens of Cheboygan County, presented a Certificate of Appreciation and best wishes for retirement to Richard Miller for his years of service in the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Dale Clarmont presented a Certificate of Retirement to Richard Miller. Sheriff Clarmont thanked Mr. Miller for his 36 years of service in the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Clarmont also recognized Mr. Miller's father, Richard Miller Sr., in the audience who retired from the Farmington Police Department.

Sheriff Dale Clarmont on behalf of himself, the Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Cheboygan County, presented a Meritorious of Service Award to Deputy Darren LaChapelle for his exceptionally notable and courageous professionalism demonstrated during a violent domestic situation from 2013. Chairperson Linda Socha thanked Deputy LaChapelle, and expressed the pride the Board has in him and in the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Dale Clarmont, on behalf of himself, the Sheriff's Department and the citizens of Cheboygan County, presented a Citation of Meritor of Service to Dan O'Henley for his years of service to the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue team in his position as Assistant Fire Chief for the Alverno Fire Department. Chairperson Linda Socha, on behalf of

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the Board, thanked Mr. O'Henley for all of his volunteer time, training and efforts in all of the ways that he has given.

Northeast Michigan Community Services Agency (NEMCSA) CEO John Swise distributed the agency's 2012 Annual Report and presented an overview of the divisions and programs that make up NEMCSA. Commissioner Gauthier asked Mr. Swise to elaborate on the effects of recent budget cuts and sequestration on NEMCSA programs. Mr. Swise reported that the sequestration affected head start/early head start programs most because their funding comes largely from federal sources. Mr. Swise reported that the Aging programs were cut nearly 5%. Mr. Swise stated that this has caused the head start programs to consolidate and reduce some services and staff. Commissioner Socha questioned what the *Success in Schools* NEMCSA program does. Mr. Swise reported that it puts a counselor-type individual in with students who are at risk of failing in school. This program started two weeks ago in the Cheboygan High School. Commissioner Matelski asked Mr. Swise if he is aware of the SAYPA program also working with troubled students in Cheboygan schools, and wondering if they are collaborating with that program. Mr. Swise was unfamiliar with the SAYPA program. Commissioner Gouine asked Mr. Swise to expand on the in-home services offered through NEMCSA. Mr. Swise stated respite care, in-home meals, and homemaking services are available. If the individual qualifies for a My Choice Medicaid waiver, there are more independent living care services offered. Mr. Swise stated that there was an increase in state funding approved for the My Choice Medicaid waiver last year. Commissioner Socha asked Mr. Swise if the My Choice Medicaid program allows individuals to be taken care of in their own homes versus going to an assisted living facility. Mr. Swise stated that it does. Commissioner Socha asked how someone would come to realize they qualify for the My Choice Medicaid waiver program. Mr. Swise stated facilities are good about referring people or people can call an intake specialist at the Cheboygan office and an assessment is done. Commissioner Wallace asked when the NEMCSA fiscal year begins. Mr. Swise stated there are several different fiscal years for the various programs that begin throughout the year.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Commissioners received a memo regarding fairground property ownership that Legal Counsel will follow up on for the next meeting.

Administrator Lawson reported on several ongoing projects:

Mr. Lawson stated that the Fairground restroom project is wrapping up. The plumber will be installing fixtures prior to the end of the month. The new doors will not be installed until the weather is warmer, and the new sighting cannot be affixed until the new doors are replaced.

Mr. Lawson stated that the County has received its first payment from the state for the Marina Dredging project. The County will be submitting another pay request for dredging. There is a need for the grant to be extended into the spring as the ice level and temperatures have caused difficulties.

Mr. Lawson stated that the animal shelter project requests need to go out in order to move forward with the new dog building in the spring.

Mr. Lawson stated that the Cheboygan County building security cameras have been installed and operational for several months which are monitored through the Sheriff's Department. One more monitor is needed in the Sheriff's Department to increase vision on the building. The hardware for the keyless entry system has been installed. The Sheriff's Department will be the first department to begin using the keyless entry system in approximately two weeks. Signage for the public to use only the front entrance for access to the rest of the building needs to be addressed. There are three companies that sell security door systems, and the cost will be approximately \$100,000 to redo the doorway. Request for proposals will be sent out.

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Mr. Lawson stated that the list of organizations receiving the State Child Care “Basic Grant” Awards for 2014 has been distributed. The Probate Court appropriates this funding to different programs. It has been distributed for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Clarmont reported that the Sheriff’s Department is in need of two additional digital in-car video systems with accessories to complete installation for all Cheboygan County Sheriff’s Department patrol vehicles. The complete purchase price of these 2 units is \$7,850 per a November 21, 2013 bid from Digital Ally. The submission and contingent approval of the MMRMA RAP grant would fund the purchase of the 2 aforementioned units, and the submission is due January 31st, 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to approve the submission of the MMRMA RAP grant contingent on approval of the MMRMA RAP grant the purchase of two Digital Ally DVM-800 in-car video systems at the November 21, 2013 bid price of \$7,850, authorize the necessary budget adjustments and authorize the Chairperson to sign any necessary documentation after review by the finance director. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Wallace wanted to recognize the Cheboygan County Road Commission and commended them for keeping the roads clear with limited resources. Chairperson Socha agreed and noted that it has been a rough winter.

Commissioner Matelski noted that 2-1-1 has been in service for about a year. Cheboygan County has only received 215 calls during 2013 and that out of those 215 calls, 34 were not able to receive an answer or service was not available.

Commissioner Socha commented that Board members are most likely receiving e-mails regarding the pipeline located under the Straits of Mackinaw. She noted that this is an Emergency Management issue; it is not a Planning Commission issue. Commissioner Socha noted that Emergency Management Director Greg Williams, representing all three counties, will be attending the meeting scheduled in St. Ignace regarding this. Commissioner Gauthier asked when that meeting is scheduled for. Commissioner Socha stated it has been scheduled for February 5th.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Wallace to go into closed session at the request of the county administrator on behalf of the county, a party to a collective bargaining agreement with the POLC unions who are actively engaged in contract negotiations with those unions, pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268(c). A roll call vote was taken. Motion carries with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

ENTERED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:10 A.M.

RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION AT 11:32 A.M.

Motion by Commissioner Allor, seconded by Commissioner Wallace to approve the two-year contract effective January 1st, 2014 between Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff of Cheboygan County and the Police Officers Labor Council – Command Officers. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

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Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Matelski to approve the two-year contract effective January 1st, 2014 between Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff of Cheboygan County and the Police Officers Labor Council – Road Patrol. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Finance Director Kari Kortz presented Amendment #2 to the 2014 Wage & Salary Resolution for General Employees.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Wallace to adopt Amendment #2 to the Cheboygan County 2014 Salary & Wage Resolution 13-027 Non-Union General Employees effective January 1, 2014, authorize the Chairperson to sign the resolution and approve necessary budget adjustments. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Finance Director Kari Kortz noted that there will be significant budget adjustments forthcoming based on decisions coming from the last BOC meeting and the current BOC meeting. The budget adjustments will be posted after the next Finance/Business meeting.

Commissioner Matelski commended Ms. Kortz for the breakdown of costs for employees included with W-2's.

Commissioner Socha and Administrator Lawson thanked everyone for working so well on this year's budget.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Clerk/Register of Deeds

Linda Socha
Chairperson