

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2010**

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 Socha, Makima, Redmond, Page, Mushlock, Wallace, and Bolinger

ABSENT: None

Commissioner Bolinger gave the innovation and Commissioner Wallace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Commissioner Mushlock, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- A. Approve Monthly Finance Claims: Finance = \$62,501.90 – Prepaids = \$1,084,145.00
- B. Budget Adjustments – Raise Revenue and Expenditures: Fund 101 Marine Equipment, Dept 331 Sheriff total budget increase of \$150; Fund 101 Inmate Food, Dept 351 Sheriff total budget increase of \$40,000; and Fund 595 Jail Commissary total budget increase of \$1,000. Inter-budget Transfers – Payroll related: Human Resources Department decreases the carried forward fund equity line item and increases the fringe line item 270 by \$500; and Straits Regional Ride decreases the operator's part-time expenditure line item and increases the overtime, other administrative, dispatchers and operator's expenditure line items by a total of \$4,900. Transfer > \$10,000 and/or request for Use of carried Forward Fund Equity: Dept. 292 Institutional-Foster Care Payments line item to the Direct Supervision by DHS – Foster Care Payments and Other State Institutional-Foster Care Payments line items in the total amount of \$27,000 and Fund 101 Carried Forward Fund Equity Line item transfers \$4,572 to the GIS Department (\$866) and the Printed Matter line item in the General County Department (\$3,706),
- C. Investment Report
- D. Correspondence:
 - 1. DNRE Letter to Road Commission (Salt Storage & Salt Contaminated Storm Water Management)
 - 2. NEMCOG Public Notice – Schedule of Proposed Action Huron-Manistee National Forest
 - 3. Lake County Resolution Opposing a Public Per Diem for Foster Care
- E. Minutes:
 - 1. Commissioners Finance/Business Meeting of October 12, 2010 and Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 26, 2010
 - 2. Health Board Meeting – 9/21/10
 - 3. North Country Community Mental Health Board – 9/16/10
 - 4. C.C.E. 9-1-1: Board Minutes of 9/22/10; Director's Report; and Monthly Finance Report September 2010
 - 5. Michigan Northern Counties Association – 9/20/10
 - 6. Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board – 8/30/10
 - 7. Cheboygan County Fair Board – 10/4/10
 - 8. Board Appointments & Procedures Committee – 11/4/10

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9. Cheboygan County Road Commission – 9/16/10 & 10/7/10
10. Cheboygan City Council – 9/17/10, 9/21/10 & 9/28/10
11. Planning Commission Meeting – 10/6/10
12. ZBA Meeting – 9/22/10

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - NONE

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Finance Director Kari Kortz presented the revenue and expenditures report for the General Fund for the month ended September 30, 2010. She reported total year-to-date revenue of \$6,523,229.03 versus \$5,778,044.67 last year at this time. Ms. Kortz reported expenditures year-to-date of \$7,286,056.71 or 64.29% of budget, compared to \$7,751,383.06 last year as of the end of September. She reviewed the Fund Balance quarterly report and Summary of General Fund Expenses by Category, which also is a quarterly report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Redmond presented recommendations from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee, which met on November 4, 2010.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to accept the recommendation from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee to appoint Bud Darnell to the Cheboygan County Economic Development Corporation for a six-year term commencing October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2016. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to accept the recommendation from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee to reappoint Darl Taylor, Nate Howell, Ron Fenlon and Dan Ross to the Cheboygan County Fair Board for three-year terms commencing January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Redmond attended a Straits Regional Ride meeting. He stated the operational costs have come down, which is due to the new buses burning less fuel and less maintenance. He also recently attended a Broadband, a Fair Board, and a LEPC meeting.

Commissioner Makima attended a Straits Regional Ride, Board Appointments & Procedures, a City Council, and a Health Board meeting.

Commissioner Wallace attended the Cheboygan Life Support Systems open house in Indian River, which he stated was well attended. He also reported attending a CCE 911 meeting.

Commissioner Bolinger attended a LEPC and a Health Board meeting

Commissioner Mushlock reported attending a Fair Board meeting.

Commissioner Page attended an Aloha and Koehler Township meetings. Also he attended a NEMCSA meeting down in West Branch, which was an Audit Committee meeting. There were some changes regarding the per diems paid to the Headstart Committee. He reported on the State budget and how it effects NEMCSA operations. There will be an 8% decrease on the funding for the office of services to the aging regarding meals at the senior centers. The State has increased the funding for the My Choice Program. There has been a steady increase because of the relative costs by assisting a senior to stay in their home versus them having to go into a nursing home. This service actually saves the tax payers monies. They are transitioning seniors out the nursing homes back to their homes. He reported that there is a waiting list for the My Choice Program. The various Federal programs that help low income families are the homeless transition; rental

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assistance; the fuel subsidies; the food subsidies and the weatherization program. Some of these programs are only going to be funded through the fiscal year of 2011.

Commissioner Socha reminded the present Commissioners and the new Commissioners about the upcoming Commissioner training. She encouraged this training because there is a lot of information pertaining to what is going on with the State. She reported attending a Hebron, Beaugrand and Mackinaw Township meeting, a Planning Commission meeting, a public meeting regarding Broadband, which was hosted by the National Telecommunications Information Administration Grant Recipient Merit. There will be a total of 1,270 miles of fiber optic infrastructure built in lower Northern Michigan and in the Upper Peninsula with some of it being in Cheboygan County. The grant funds the internet freeway. The biggest challenge will be the side roads, the total cost and the date of installation. She stated that more informational meetings will be held by MERIT. Also Steve Schnell plans on having a meeting with the Townships at some point to do maps. This will determine the needs of the municipalities and also the obstacles. Discussion held. She reported attending a Northern Cheboygan County Inter-Municipal Planning Committee meeting. This is a group with legal status allowing the group to plan together to form and develop a Master Plan segment. It is comprised of representatives from the City Planning Commission; Benton, Beaugrand and Inverness Township; the County Planning Commission and the Cheboygan County Road Commission. This group has worked hard to form a County Master Plan committee for this area, but the representation from the City has dropped off. She stated that the City of Cheboygan is the most important component in this group. She is hoping in January to revitalize the group and to get the City involved because is important from a planning stand point and more importantly as a communication tool. The Planning Commission is working on reviewing and updating the Master Plan. This is a specific component that needs to be looked at by anyone who is new to the Board to make sure that this is what is wanted and then it will be presented to the Planning Commission. After the first of the year, the Emergency Management Board will sponsor Tri-County Public Officials training. It will be an overview of the emergency management responsibilities for all old/new County Commissioners for the three counties, which is by State law. Also, they will be working on a rewrite of the Cheboygan County Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County and will be expecting input from all of the Townships and municipalities in the County. They are hoping to have this to the State before March 2011. In conjunction with the Emergency Management Board, there was a presentation at the LEPC meeting given by Emergency Management Coordinator Greg Williams and Steve Keck from the United States Coast Guard with most of the conversation centered on the boats in the bay. She requested the Board to write a letter to the Corp of Engineers regarding the removal of oil on these boats. This is a concern with winter coming. Lengthy discussion held. She also attended a SANE Meeting and the Ambulance Open House.

Motion by Commissioner Wallace seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to authorize Administrator Overton to work with Emergency Management Coordinator Greg Williams and Steve Keck from the United State Coast Guard to develop a letter to be sent to the United States Corps of Engineers alerting them with their concerns regarding the boats being located in the bay and authorize the Chair and the Sheriff to sign. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Harbormaster Curt Chambers presented the Marina Seasonal Dockage Rate Area Change Request. He stated that over the past several years, they have seen a significant decline in their seasonal slip revenue. This is partially due to the rates which are set by the state based on which Seasonal Moorage Rate Area that was assigned. Cheboygan County is included in Rate Area (1) as is Mackinaw City, Petoskey, Charlevoix, etc... (Mackinaw Island and Harbor Springs are a Premium Rate Area.) A change to Rate (2) would drop the rates 30% and make the marina the same as St. Ignace, Hammond Bay and Rogers City. They are currently higher than Walstrom Marine and Duncan Bay Boat Club and will remain higher even if it is changed to Rate Area (2); however, the gap will be less. While a switch to Rate Area (2) will initially drop the projected

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revenue by 30%, he is optimistic that increased numbers of seasonal boaters could offset that difference; at a minimum and they should hopefully lose less seasonal rentals. This past 2010 season, they had 15 open seasonal wells and these seasonal wells are the only source of guaranteed income. He stressed that he is not recommending this to take business away from local marinas, but to attract new boaters to this beautiful area. The new marina in Mackinaw City necessitated an increase in the number of seasonal boat slips in the old Mackinaw City marina, which took boats away from them. He stated that he truly believes that this change would help attract new boaters to the area and thereby help other businesses throughout the community. Discussion held.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Page, to authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter addressed to the Michigan Waterways Commission to move the Cheboygan County Marina to a Rate Area (2). Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Sheriff Clarmont presented the Bulletproof Vest partnership FY 2010 Award grant. He stated that the replacement of bulletproof vests is recommended every 5 years for the safety of the Road Patrol deputies. The Bureau of Justice Assistance informed their agency that they would receive an award under the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Bulletproof Vest Partnership solicitation. These funds which have been posted to their account in the BVP system total \$4,972.50. This grant is a 50% match grant for the purchase of 17 bulletproof vests. He stated that the matched amount would be anticipated, requested and approved in the 2010 New Equipment purchase line. (101-301-970.01) Discussion held.

Motion by Commissioner Bolinger seconded by Commissioner Makima, to accept the Bulletproof Vest Partnership FY 2010 Award grant, and authorize the purchase of 17 bulletproof vests from Michigan Police Equipment totaling \$9,945.00 and also to authorize any necessary budget adjustments. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Overton presented the CCE OEM Inter-local Agreement. He stated that Charlevoix County, by way of the attached resolution, requested that section 3.3 A. of the agreement be modified to require alternate member selection by approval of the Board of Commissioners opposed to selection by the Chair. Additionally, he suggested that 3.3 C. be modified to allow the CCE OEM Board to select its officers at the first meeting after January 1st of each year, opposed to in September. This would allow for any changes due to the November elections to take effect before officer selection. Discussion held.

Motion by Commissioner Page, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to approve Inter-local Agreement for Emergency Management between the Counties of Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet and authorize the Chair to sign effective January 1, 2011. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Overton presented the Juvenile Office Position Status. He stated that the county juvenile officer position held by Mike Grulke has been a shared position between the State of Michigan and Cheboygan County since Mr. Grulke's was hired in 1979. The State of Michigan has always provided the salary and the benefits package for his position. Cheboygan County has provided a salary supplement since 1982 along with a MERS contribution. This is a unique position. Mr. Grulke was the last person to be hired under this arrangement in 1979 and is the only person left in the State employed in this manner. All other county juvenile officers in the state are strictly County employees and the State funds them by means of an annual grant to supplement the positions. Mr. Grulke has been provided a retirement incentive window with the State of Michigan to leave the State relationship and become a County employee. He would see a minor decrease in his wage, but an increase in his benefits. The transition from State to County employee will be completed with no additional cost to the County, as determined by the Finance Director. Discussion held.

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Motion by Commissioner Redmond seconded by Commissioner Page, to adopt Amendment #1 of the 2011 Salary and Wage Resolution Non-Union General Employees and to authorize the Chair to sign. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Mr. Grulke thanked the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners.

Citizens Comments – None

Board Member Comments

Commissioner Mushlock commented that during the past 18 years Cheboygan County has had a balanced budget and this year continues to have a balanced budget with cash on hand. Cheboygan County has one of the best 911 Centers, which has set an example for all of the USA. Also Cheboygan County along with five other counties has formed the North Country Mental Health Authority, which saves monies for all the counties. Another big passage is that Cheboygan County has an administrator form of leadership with an enhanced Finance Department. Inverness Township has a DPA Board, which installed a sewer project. Cheboygan County has two new programs, which are Straits Regional Ride and the Recycling Program. The Ambulance service has a new building and in the past 15 years, the Housing Commission has spent \$2,000,000 helping residents of Cheboygan County. Throughout the years, there have been a lot of partnerships developed.

Commissioner Socha commented that Cheboygan County is the only Tri-County Emergency Management Office in the State of Michigan.

Commissioner Wallace commented that the Tri-County Emergency Management Office is a national model for different states. The Board members have been to Washington DC to testify before congress as to how well this works.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, 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 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Went into closed session at 10:57 a.m. and returned to open session at 11:41 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Administrator Overton presented the GELC Union Contract, as well as a summary, for approval. He stated the term of Contract was three years (January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2013); no wage increases during the length of the contract; employee medical plan transition to BCBSM-BCN Healthy Blue Living 2 HMO Plan with Open Formulary and minor changes to promotions criteria.

Motion by Commissioner Mushlock, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to approve the contract between Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners and the Sheriff of Cheboygan County and the Governmental Employees Labor Council for a three (3) year contract effective January 1, 2011 and to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement. Motion Carried with 7 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Page) and 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Karen L. Brewster
Cheboygan County Chief Deputy Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson