

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING  
October 9, 2012**

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, Don Horrocks, Pete Redmond, Cal Gouine, Tony Matelski, John Wallace, and Sue Allor

**Absent:** None

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

Commissioner Allor requested Item 5B Budget Adjustments be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business Item 12H; and Chairperson Socha requested Item 5D2 be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to New Business as Item 12I.

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

**Motion** by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approve Monthly Finance Claims – Finance = \$200,836.80 Prepays = \$657,555.05
- B. ~~Budget Adjustments~~ (Moved to New Business Item 12H)
- C. Straits Regional Ride MDOT Contract 2012-0061/P4
- D. Correspondence
  - 1. Allegan County Resolution in Support of House Bill 5768 Liberty Preservation
  - 2. ~~State of Michigan Notice – School Plan Review and Inspection Authority~~ (Moved to New Business Item 12I)
  - 3. State of Michigan Appointment of Equalization Director and Certification Level
  - 4. State of Michigan – Equalization Director Certification Waiver
  - 5. Letter from Friendship Housing Center
- E. Minutes:
  - 1. Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 28, 2012, Finance/Business Meeting of September 11, 2012 and Board Meeting with Elected Officials of September 27, 2012
  - 2. Health Board – 8/21/12
  - 3. C.C.E. 9-1-1: Board Minutes 7/18/12; Director's Report 9/19/12 and Monthly Financial Reports July 2012 & August 2012
  - 4. NEMCSA – September 7, 2012
  - 5. NMSAS – July 9, 2012
  - 6. North Country Community Mental Health Board – July 19, 2012 and August 16, 2012
  - 7. NLEA September Newsletter and July 19, 2012 Minutes
  - 8. Board Appointments & Procedures – September 27, 2012
  - 9. Millage Appropriation Committee – October 3, 2012
  - 10. Cheboygan County Fair Board – July 12, 2012 and September 10, 2012
  - 11. Cheboygan County Road Commission – August 16, 2012, September 10, 2012 and September 20, 2012
  - 12. Cheboygan City Council – August 28, 2012
  - 13. Planning Commission Meeting – September 5, 2012 and September 19, 2012
  - 14. ZBA – August 22, 2012

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** – None

**SCHEDULED VISITORS** – None

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**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Finance Director Kari Kortz presented the revenue and expenditures report for the General Fund for the month ended August 31, 2012. She reported total year-to-date revenue of \$3,215,531.68 versus \$4,033,514.21 last year at that time. Ms. Kortz reported expenditures year-to-date of \$6,613,992.52 or 61.93% of budget, compared to \$6,476,595.53 last year as of the end August.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – Administrator Lawson's written report included information on the Animal Shelter; the County Building Roof and Security Projects; the Fairgrounds and the Budget. He said a progress inspection at the Animal Shelter on October 2, 2012 showed the building shell completed with windows installed and siding being placed. He noted a portion of the concrete floor in two areas of the old portion of the building may need to be removed and replaced due to the slope and condition of the floor areas. Administrator Lawson reported the roof replacement has been completed over the jail area with work over the Court areas to being next week. Regarding the County Building Roof and Security projects, the security cameras have been installed and are currently being tested; and the monitoring station within the Sheriff Department should be completed in about two weeks. Copies of the line item portion of the budget have been given to the Commissioners for review and work on the budget narrative, summary budget and goals and objectives is underway. Administrator Lawson reported the Fair Board would like the County to apply of a Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Grant in the amount of \$20,000. The grant would require a dollar for dollar cash match if awarded and staff is working with the Fair Board to identify the most needed capital improvement that would be in this cost range. Plans are to develop a long term capital improvement schedule for the Fairgrounds in 2013.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Redmond presented a recommendation from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee to reappoint Jane McGinnis to the Cheboygan County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment.

**Motion** by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to accept the recommendation from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee to reappoint Jane McGinnis to the Cheboygan County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a term commencing October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2018. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Redmond also reported attending the MAC Conference, the Elected Officials meeting, the Fair Board meeting and the Benton Township meeting.

Commissioner Wallace presented several recommendations from the Millage Appropriation Committee. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the participation in the MSUE Project Fresh; the VITA program and the Cheboygan County Council on Aging in particular the dollars the group has put into capital improvements at the county owned buildings.

**Motion** by Commissioner Horrocks, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to send the request from MSUE for Project Fresh back to the Millage Appropriation Committee for verification of actual usage, cost and how the program works with regards to the State. Motion carried with 6 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Wallace) and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Allor, to accept the recommendation from the Millage Appropriation Committee and approve the allocation of \$500 from the Senior Citizens' Millage Fund to the Cheboygan County VITA program. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 5 yes, 2 no (Commissioners Socha and Matelski) and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to accept the recommendation from the Millage Appropriation Committee and approve the allocation of \$51,876 from the Senior Citizens Millage Fund to the Wawatam Senior Citizen. Discussion Commissioner Socha said this program was started several years ago to keep senior services in Mackinaw City and has become a model for other senior groups. Commissioner Allor said she noticed that the cost per meal prepared was pretty much

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neutralized by the donations they received. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to accept the recommendation from the Millage Appropriation Committee and approve the allocation of \$610,000 from the Senior Citizens' Millage Fund to the Cheboygan County Council on Aging. Discussion Commissioner Allor said she feels strongly that we need verification of the expenditures for capital improvements. Motion failed with 2 yes, 5 no (Commissioners Socha, Horrocks, Redmond, Matelski and Allor) and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to approve the allocation of \$584,496 from the Senior Citizens' Millage Fund to the Cheboygan County Council on Aging. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Allor, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks, to pay \$25,504 to the Cheboygan County Council on Aging towards capital expenditures that Mike Bur Director of CCCOA had provided contingent on review and acceptance of projects and receipts by the county administrator and finance director, as one-time payment from fund equity in the Senior Millage Fund and approve the necessary budget adjustments. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Allor reported attending the District #4 Health Board meeting, a finance meeting and regular meeting of the North Country Community Mental Health Board, the MAC Conference, the Forest Township meeting and a Village of Wolverine meeting as well as the senior citizens' fall harvest dinner at the Sand Road Senior Center. She said the Health Department continues to monitor stats for home health care which are declining both financially and by the number of referrals. Near the Forest Township Board or the Wolverine Village Council were aware that the Health Department has home health care services. Commissioner Redmond said only two health departments in Michigan offer this particular service. Commissioner Allor said the Village of Wolverine has completed a dashboard for the village but there a significant number of townships and villages that have not met this requirement.

Commissioner Gouine attended the Inverness Township Board meeting, the Fair Board meeting and the senior citizens' fall harvest dinner at the Sand Road Senior Center. He said the Sand Road Center now has adult daycare services available called Sand Castles Respite Day Care. Commissioner Allor said many senior agencies in the state are looking at Sand Castles as a model according to Director Mike Bur.

Commissioner Matelski reported attending two Planning Commission meetings, two Road Commission meetings, three township meetings, the local Michigan Townships Association meeting, a meeting of the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee, the Elected Officials meeting, and a ZBA meeting.

Commissioner Socha attended the Elected Officials meeting, the Beaugrand Township meeting, NLEA, LEPC and the Airport meeting. She said Emergency Management Director Greg Williams will speak on the hazardous mitigation plan at the December MTA meeting. She said Megan Anderson the new deputy director for the Office of Emergency Management is very knowledgeable and a good fit for the job. She also said Sharon Schley from the County's GIS mapping has been utilized for several emergency management incidents and does a very good job. She also commended the Cheboygan County SANE agent for exceptional work as well.

She reported the on the recent MAC Conference. According to statistic from the Natural Resources Trust Fund, on all time grants by County for 1976 through 2010 over \$23 million accumulated grant monies was received during that time period for 30 projects in Cheboygan County. We ranked 6 out of the 83 counties for that amount of money and 11<sup>th</sup> in the number of projects. Michigan Municipal Risk Authority has a special events manual now available, which she requested the administrator to obtain a copy of this. The following economic issues were presented at the conference manufacturing still pushes state, lack luster conditions, consumers not confident, gross national product only up 1.7% last year, banks have money, but not lending, agriculture is improving. Good time to borrow and invest with interest rates at an all-time low. The state's unemployment rate is better than the national unemployment. Counties will not see a return to the amount of taxes in 2008 until 2024, budgets are tight. Court issues – court consolidation one court instead of three, looking at program evaluations, collections, not being forced into

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this but encouraging courts to consolidate, only 20% of courts are for this, 60% don't like it and 20% say no way. A report will be coming and all courts have been asked to report to the State Court Administrator's Office on these issues. MAC is pushing court reform where the state would take over court employees, they would be state employees, to pay for this the county's revenue sharing would be taken and the loss of personal property revenue wouldn't be just commercial it would be industrial also. This would be used by the state to pay for court employees. This is very new and is expected to move quickly, it has not been well thought out. The County's first payment would be based on current costs. Indigent defense mandate bill has potential to cost Cheboygan County \$88,000. PILT reform may be increased is the only good news. There are many potential issues that would affect county budgets. Commissioner Horrocks said Michigan Northern Counties has come out against court reform and consolidation. Commissioner Socha said we have to carefully monitor the court issues as well as what happens after the elections.

### **OLD BUSINESS** – None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Grulke, the Director of Juvenile Services for Probate Court said the From Decision to Actions Program has been in place since 2004 and funded by North Country Community Mental Health. As of September 30, 2012 this funding was eliminated. The fall class started on September 10<sup>th</sup> and has been in a volunteer mode however, the goal is to continue the fall class. Mr. Grulke emphasized that this program is one of the greatest tools the juvenile court has right now. Chairperson Socha asked if the request today is to continue the program for this year, and not for the budget request for next year. Mr. Grulke said yes, and if they would like a larger picture for next year the information can be provided. He said the money is currently available in the budget this year and explained that the court receives fifty cents on every dollar spent from the state. Probate Judge Butts said two youth are currently in the new Independence Court. He said he is focusing on the fact that the money is in the budget. The benefit of Decisions to Action which is a court ordered program has been paid for since 2004 with three classes per year, roughly 200 kids and families have gone through the program. He said other counties have had this program in their annual budgets. The current budget is \$11,000 per session. Discussion held. Commissioner Matelski voiced concerned with the amount of money spent on just a few people. Judge Butts said childcare services are mandated, and the program actually saves the county money in the long run. Mr. Grulke said without these services, those kids would eventually graduate to district court and then circuit court. Judge Butts said if he had to choose on which program to cut this program would be his number one choice to keep. Commissioner Matelski asked how many of those from this program have graduated from high school. Judges Butts said they will track that. Commissioner Horrocks asked what the cost is to send a child out for services. Judge Butts explained that the least expensive is foster care at \$2,000 per month and the highest level of security is close to \$600 per day. The From Decision to Actions program now will be held at the former Inverness School.

**Motion** by Commissioner Horrocks, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to approve the Fall 2012 class of "From Decisions to Actions" in the amount of \$7574 and authorize the chair to sign the Independent Contract Agreement and any other pertinent documents. Discussion, Administrator Lawson said they are still working on liability insurance coverage, also mediators and mentors may have to be listed as volunteers. Either Mr. Brown will have his own insurance or could be covered under the county's policy. Civil Counsel Bryan Graham said those recognized as volunteers could sign a simple form rather than a formal contract would be recommended. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Equalization Director Joe Lavender presented the annual resolution for the millage rate that will be levied for 2012, the 2012 apportionment report, and the annual tax resolution. Every year the Board is required to direct the spread of taxes in terms of millage rates. The County apportionment report shows all the information in a columnar format and contains all the tax rates by all taxing authorities within Cheboygan County. Mr. Lavender said the millage rates would need to amended after the November Election since the ambulance proposal is on the November ballot.

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**Motion** by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolution 12-31  
2012 MILLAGE RATE RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Cheboygan County has the authority to levy its own maximum allowable millage rate of 6.1592 mills distributed as follows: 5.6592 mills for General County Operations, .5000 mills for Senior Citizens Operations, and,

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that to maintain basic county services, it will be necessary to levy the maximum allowable rate of 6.1592 mills; and,

**WHEREAS**, notice of the public hearing was given, and a public hearing was held as the County Budget Hearing;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Cheboygan shall levy the maximum allowable millage of 6.1592 for 2012.

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

**Motion** by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to adopt the 2012 Cheboygan County Apportionment Report as presented (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 Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Allor, to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolution 12-32  
TAX RESOLUTION**

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that there be raised by taxation and that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to spread upon the several assessment rolls and tax rolls of the County: County Tax, Township Tax, School Tax and any special taxes in the amounts as adopted by the County Board of Commissioners in the 2012 Apportionment Report. An amount of the above mentioned taxes not to exceed the schedule of millage as determined by the Apportionment Report adopted by the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners at their annual meeting held on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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

Administrator Lawson said the Cheboygan Brownfield Redevelopment Authority would like to join with Northern Lakes Economic Alliance and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities in Antrim, Charlevoix and Emmet Counties to submit a Coalition Brownfield Assessment Grant application. EPA funding would help to continue the work conducted under the previous Cheboygan County EPA Brownfield Grant to answer environmental unknowns that continue to be a barrier to commercial property transactions and private investment in this county and throughout the region.

**Motion** by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks, to adopt the following resolution authorizing the Cheboygan Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to joint with the Northwest Michigan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Coalition to submit an EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant Application and authorize the Chair to sign:

**Resolution No. 12-33**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SUPPORTING SUBMITTAL OF NORTHWEST MICHIGAN COUNTY  
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COALITION APPLICATION  
FOR USEPA BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT GRANT**

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### Recitals

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides grants and loans to communities through its Brownfield Grant Program to encourage reuse of brownfield properties by funding environmental assessments and response activities; and

WHEREAS, The Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners established the Cheboygan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority in December 2007 under Act 381, PA 1996 as amended and is vitally interested in and committed to encouraging investments in brownfield properties; and

WHEREAS, The Cheboygan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is charged to work with local governments, economic development community, the private sector, state and federal agencies, community organizations, and the public to revitalize brownfield sites, facilitate environmental cleanup and protection, and encourage private investment; and

WHEREAS, USEPA Brownfield Assessment Grants would provide funding to identify, inventory, assess and position brownfield properties impacted by petroleum and hazardous substances and provide outreach to the community on the opportunities for brownfield redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County, in cooperation with the City of Cheboygan, effectively implemented EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant that resulted in over an estimated \$3.8 million in additional investment in the County and the County desires to continue to provide opportunities to position property for redevelopment and address environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, The Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities of Antrim, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, and Emmet Counties are proposing to join together to submit a Coalition Brownfield Assessment Grant application to EPA, with the Emmet County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as the lead applicant; and

WHEREAS, The Cheboygan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority is an eligible entity and is most appropriate to participate in the Coalition to apply for and implement the EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant, if approved and;

WHEREAS, The County Board considered the proposal to submit a USEPA grant application by the Northwest Michigan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Coalition on Tuesday, October 9, 2012;

### Resolution

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and supports the submittal of an application by the Cheboygan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority as part of the Northwest Michigan County Brownfield Redevelopment Coalition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for community-wide brownfield assessment grants for sites impacted by petroleum and by hazardous substances, with final approval as to substance by the County Administrator and as to form by the County Attorney; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners will review and approve of an implementation plan prepared by the Northwest Michigan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Coalition for the USEPA Brownfield Assessment Grants, if approved.

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

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**Motion** by Commissioner to approve the Agreement for Service Contract between Cheboygan County and Cheboygan Area Schools for recycling at the Cheboygan Middle School from October 10, 2012 to June 15, 2013. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Horrocks, to approve individual leases for space in the Doris Reid Building as follows: 1) Lease Agreement between the County of Cheboygan and District Health Department #4 effective November 1, 2012 and authorize the Chair to Sign ; 2) Lease Agreement between the County of Cheboygan and North Country Community Mental Health effective November 1, 2012 and authorize the Chair to sign; 3) Lease Agreement between the County of Cheboygan and Dental Clinics North effective November 1, 2012 and authorize the Chair to sign; and 4) Lease Agreement between the County of Cheboygan and Women's Resource Center effective November 1, 2012 and authorize the Chair to sign. Administrator Lawson said the county will clean the Health Department and MSU-E as well as common areas. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Finance Director Kari Kortz presented Resolution 12-34 the 2013 Salary & Wage Resolution for Non-Union General Employees. She said the salary and wage increase as presented for 2013 is 0% and the SAYPA Department are to be determined as the staffing levels are being evaluated at this time.

**Motion** by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Allor, to adopt the 2013 Salary & Wage Resolution for Non-Union Employee, Resolution 12-34, as presented (copy on file in County Clerk's Office), and authorize chair to sign. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Ms. Kortz presented Resolution 12-35 the 2013 Elected Officials Salary & Wage Resolution. She said the resolution summarizes the Board's motions on July 10, 2012 related to Elected Officials Compensation. A section on mileage rates for the member of the Board of Commissioners was added reflecting the wording requested from Civil Counsel.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to adopt the 2012 Elected Officials Salary & Wage Resolution 12-35 (Copy on file in County Clerk's Office), and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Commissioner Wallace noted there were no raises for the Board of Commissioners. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Lawson said Cheboygan County acquired a parcel of property in Benton which was obtain from a drug forfeiture to the Sheriff's Department. The property was advertised for sale in the local newspaper to the highest bidder. A bid was accepted and approval is sought to allow the Chairperson to sign in and all necessary documents to complete the closing of that sale.

**Motion** by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to approve the sale of Tax Parcel ID 104-035-100-031-00 Cheboygan County, Michigan (Sheriff Property Sale) and authorize the Chair to sign a Warranty Deed and any other necessary documents to complete the conveyance of the parcel. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Allor requested for an additional explanation on Child Care fund. Finance Director Kortz explained that the county is responsible for 50% of the expenditure while the State pays the other 50%. Childcare expenditures can be from neglect and abuse cases handled by DHS or Probate Court expenditures for a variety of services. She said during the 2012 budget process the cost of providing childcare for State wards was underestimated and the funds spent on State wards have exhausted the budget and a significant shortfall has occurred resulting in an increase of \$250,000 in Fund 292

**Motion** by Commissioner Allor, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to approve the Budget Adjustments, as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes 0 no and 0 absent.

Chairperson Socha had requested the Notice from the Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs addressed to her as Chair of the Board of Commissioners and to Zachariah Skiera as President of the Inland Lakes School Board advising of the upcoming expiration of the School Plan Review and Inspection Authority of the Inland Lakes Schools District be placed under New Business. The Notice states effective

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November 28, 2012 the Bureau of Construction Codes will become responsible for school construction code enforcement and inspections until such time as a new delegation of authority is issued. She read the Notice for the record. She said the County needs to be doing these inspections. She requested the administrator to contact Mr. Skiera to find out what the school wants to do and call the state contact Dianne Barnes. Civil Counsel said generally on school projects under the school code a school is responsible to the State Superintendent for construction projects and he believes the State is saying either we are going to delegate to the code enforcement locally or the state will do that. Chairperson Socha said this may be brought back to this board.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** – Mentor Township Resident Cynthia Kress read a letter she wrote to the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners regarding road brine used by the Cheboygan County Road Commission. Additional correspondence between Michael Roper Director of the Cheboygan County Road Commission and Leonard Page was distributed by Ms. Kress. Chairperson Socha said this board cannot do this because our road commissioners are elected and secondly, the townships brine their own roads. She said regarding Mr. Page’s request, the information could be FOIA’s. She said this Board has been following fracking information so we are not out of the loop on fracking issues but are gathering facts. Chairperson Socha said Commissioner Matelski is the Road Commission Liaison. Commissioner Matelski told Ms. Kress the next meeting of the Road Commission will be held one week from Thursday at 6 p.m. Chairperson Socha and Commissioner Matelski both told Ms. Kress they appreciated her concerns. Chairperson Socha said it is her understanding they are no longer using the fracking fluid on the roads. Townships are signing for the responsibility of brining their roads. Discussion held.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – Commissioners Redmond and Horrocks both stated they heard through the grapevine of an incident involving the Cheboygan Sportsman’s Club and the County Prosecutor regarding a bullet found in the driveway of a neighboring residence.

Commissioner Redmond thanked the board for the plant and sympathy card sent upon the death of his mother-in-law.

Commissioner Wallace distributed NMSAS statistic on service utilization trends for Cheboygan County.

Chairperson Socha reminded the board to anticipate budget review and discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting at the end of the month. She also advised the St. Thomas Food Pantry has challenged the community to stuff their food trucks with 2 tons of food on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 4 pm in the Walgreen’s parking lot.

Commissioner Wallace commented on a well in Tuscarora Township that blew and has become a DEQ problem.

Commissioner Matelski commented on the candidate forum that was cancelled. He also said North Country Community Mental Health has a help wanted ad in the Tribune for a Community Living Support Specialist which requires a GED.

**Motion** by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Tryban  
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

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Linda Socha  
Chairperson