

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
January 24, 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 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 Pledge of Allegiance.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS – SAYPA Director, LuAnn Miller presented the 2011-2012 Annual SAYPA Report. She stated that in the past year there had been a lot of activity for the SAYPA program. There had been much excitement and enthusiasm with a turnover in staffing, procedures, and motivation. Former Director, Carol Rosinski retired last February, which brought about a transition period for the SAYPA Program. During this phase, SAYPA's staff did a great job at keeping things running without incident, while Mike Grulke, his team of juvenile officers, and Alternative Education Principal Steve Parker, all pitched in and provided the assistance needed to ensure the SAYPA services did not falter. SAYPA remains committed to being an outstanding alternative to the high cost of out of home placement. In an effort to provide the best possible services to SAYPA families, they have been busy the past months making needed alterations to their collaboration methods, level system, staff and procedures, all of which brought positive feedback from parents, area organizations, and community leaders. The program continues to receive the Byrne Grant, FTE monies, and a portion of the Child Care fund. They once again passed the state's annual inspection of their records and program compliance and were even complimented on providing such a sound program. The SAYPA staff has been highly motivated in finding new and creative ways to be more fiscally sound than ever before. In 2011, SAYPA was able to stay within their allotted budget and are fully confident that the same will hold true for the upcoming year. Discussion held.

The 53rd Circuit Court Judge Scott Pavlich presented the 2011 Drug Court update. He briefly outlined the history of the Drug Court commencing with the first steps of its creation taken in early fall of 2009. He stated that through 2011, the Drug court program has admitted 30 participants into the program. Of those 30, eight individuals have been terminated from the program due to their lack of compliance with the terms of drug court. Of the eight individuals terminated, four received prison sentences, one has not yet been sentenced, two received jail sentences and one individual has absconded and remains at large. Three individuals graduated from the program to date and there are currently 19 active participants. Of those 22 individuals, it appears likely that six would have received prison sentences and 16 would have received jail sentences. He said that the State increased its grant funding from \$16,000 for October 2009 to October 2010 fiscal year; \$60,000 for October 2010 to October 2011 fiscal year; and \$80,000 for October 2011 to October 2012 fiscal year. Discussion held.

NEW BUSINESS - Judge Pavlich presented the Drug Court Salvation Army Agreement, which is a monthly payment to the Salvation Army for monitoring services of Drug Court participants residing in the transition houses. The Salvation Army provides a weekly written report to the Drug Court concerning compliance with the Drug Court rules and regulations of each participant in the Drug Court Program. Discussion held.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to approve the Agreement for Services between the Cheboygan County Drug Court and the Salvation Army for monitoring services of Drug Court participants residing in the transition houses, authorize the chair to sign same and all other required documentation after review by the Finance Director. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT – Administrator Lawson gave an update on the Health Insurance Cooperative received from the Gallagher Group identifying that the consortium cannot offer Blue Care Network products at this time. The County currently contracts with Blue Care Network for HMO coverage. Gallagher has stated that they will continue working to provide a quote comparable coverage through Blue Cross Blue Shield. He stated that he will provide and update to the Board of Commissioners concerning their proposal once he receives it and offer a recommendation. If the County decides to pursue a plan change to achieve cost savings, he would need to meet with the Union representatives to discuss the possible change and to have Gallagher answer any questions concerning a change in plans. Discussion held.

The Administrator gave a summary regarding a Data agreement with Maps inDeed. He stated that they have been approached by a company called “Maps inDeed” about creating a partnership that would provide additional revenue for the County from the GIS data. This company has created data agreements with other counties of Michigan to provide mapping data to the general public online for no charge in exchange for being allowed to resell County GIS and property data. This contract is complementary to the contracts with other companies to distribute electronic records and will allow information about the County to reach markets that the County would not have direct access to. Discussion held.

Administrator Lawson stated that staff held a Management meeting on January 18, 2012 to discuss the initiative identified in the 2012 Budget to develop goals and objectives for each department to carry-out the Goals of the Commission identified in the Budget. Departments were receptive to the strategic budgeting process and the formal development of document identifying department goals and objectives. Work would continue on this project during the first quarter of 2012. Once goals and objectives are completed, they would be provided to the Commission for review and approval. This process would be integrated into the development of the budget document for 2013. Then the next step in the process would be to develop a unified year-end report for all departments. This would occur in the first quarter of 2013 for departments who do not currently product a year-end report.

The Administrator reported that the EDC held a meeting inviting representatives from municipal units and school districts to hear a presentation from Connect Michigan a non-profit state supported organization to help local communities assess their current broadband assets. Identify gaps and develop an action plan to address community needs. This initiative aligns with the EDC’s goal in the County’s Economic Development Plan to promote broadband access in the County. This is an opportunity for the County to facilitate an initiative to work with the municipal units and school districts in the County to become recognized as a “Certified Broadband Community” which would identify that Cheboygan County is a leader in the pursuit of broadband opportunities for the residents, visitors and businesses of the County. The initiative would require the allocation of staff time to facilitate meetings for broadband stakeholders. The project would be identified in the Community Development Department’s Goals and Objectives for 2012. Discussion held.

Administrator Lawson stated that the staff would be meeting with representatives from the Cheboygan Trail Blazers and the Fair Board at the Fair Grounds within the next two weeks to review possible building locations. Staff is also researching lease options to establish the ownership and use of the building.

The Administrator reported that the staff would be meeting in the near future with the Humane Society staff to discuss the shelter improvement project and the donation of funds and long term use of the facility by the Humane Society. Discussion held.

OLD BUSINESS – None

BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION - None

CITIZENS COMMENTS - Sheriff Clarmont stated that a Rapid Response Training is scheduled for March 6, 2012. He thanked Tony and Roberta Matelski for their donation of the new K-9 Unit and suggested that the Board of Commissioners check out the new vehicle after the meeting. Sheriff Clarmont commented that Bible Study held in the jail is voluntary and not mandated.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Commissioner Socha commented on the importance of the Sheriff Departments involvement with the SAYPA program.

Commissioner Wallace commented on the Yellow Jug Program, where people could dispose of their used, expired or unwanted medications/prescription drugs at the following locations – Glen's Pharmacy, Modern Pharmacy, and the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Socha commented on the importance of the Sheriff Departments Prescription Drug Officer and stated that a presentation is to be scheduled.

Commissioner Gouine stated that he attended a Pigeon River Advisory Meeting and he was surprised that they designated only 13 miles of the Pigeon River trails for horses.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Karen L. Brewster
Chief Deputy Clerk Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson