

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING  
March 10, 2020**

The Finance/Business Meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioner was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Commissioner Wallace at 9:32 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present

**Present:** Commissioners Mary Ellen Tryban, Richard Sangster, Michael Newman, Roberta Matelski, John Wallace, and Steve Warfield.

**Absent:** Commissioner Cal Gouine

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

**Motion** by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Tryban, to approve the agenda pulling 5 B and adding it under Old Business 11 B. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Newman, second by Commissioner Matelski, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Approve Monthly Finance Claims (Finance Total = \$0; Prepaid Total = \$1,098,605.
- B. Budget Adjustments as follows:
  - 2020 Raise Revenues/Expenditures
    - 1. Fund 101 total budget increase of \$2,227.22
- C. Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club Request for Waiver of "No Wake"
- D. Fair Contracts:
  - 1. Animal Oasis (Mobile Petting Zoo)
- E. Fair Ground Usage Agreements:
  - 1. American Cancer Society – Relay for Life
  - 2. NBHA MI-02
- F. Correspondence:
  - 1. Alcona County Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment
  - 2. Berrien County Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment
  - 3. Hillsdale County Resolution in Support of Second Amendment
  - 4. Huron County Resolution in Support of Second Amendment
  - 5. ~~Kalkaska County Resolution Opposing Governor Whitmer's \$3.5 Billion Road Bond Debt~~
  - 6. Kalkaska County Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment
  - 7. Lake County Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment
  - 8. Marquette County Resolution Requesting the Great Lakes Shoreline Be Declared a Disaster Area and to Seek Assistance
  - 9. Oceana County Resolution Supporting the Second Amendment
  - 10. Wexford County Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment
  - 11. Arenac County Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment
  - 12. Charlevoix County Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment
  - 13. Charlevoix County Resolution Declaration as a Constitutional Sanctuary
  - 14. Menominee County Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment
  - 15. Monroe County Resolution in Support of the Second Amendment

16. Grand Traverse County Resolution in Support of the Passage of HB 5330 and SB 730

G. Minutes:

1. Finance/Business Meeting of February 11, 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 25, 2020
2. Board Appointment & Procedures - 12/3/2019
3. District #4 Health Dept. – 1/21/2020
4. City Council Minutes – 12/23/2019, 1/14/2020, 1/28/2020, 2/5/2020 & 2/11/2020
5. County Road Commission – 2/3/2020
6. NEMCOG – 1/16/2020
7. NEMCSA – 2/7/2020
8. NCCMH – 1/16/2020
9. Fair Board – 2/3/2020

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent

**CITIZENS COMMENTS** - None

**SCHEDULED VISITORS**

Chief Executive Officer, Christine Gebhard of North Country Community Mental Health presented on Strengthening Michigan's Behavioral Health System. North Country Community Mental Health has new administration with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services since Governor Whitmer took over. This was Director Robert Gordon's administration idea on how to strengthen and fix the behavioral health system in Michigan. In the past, there was a lot of conversation around Section 298, which was Governor Snyder's and the Legislature's notion of piloting giving the behavioral health funds to the Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs). NCCMH was extremely opposed to this because it would privatize the very effective public mental health system that was after four (4) years defeated. Governor Whitmer vetoed that in the FY2020 budget legislation. There were two (2) issues on the outset of being very ill defined as to what their intentions were and their timeline was extremely aggressive. Director Gordon was looking at implementing this effective October of 2022. MDHHS has outlined a vision proposing a future integrated system that reduces complexity. Instead of each person having two separate health plans, each person will have just one – Specialty integrated plan (SIP). This means that just one entity will pay for and manage all of their needs. Currently, a person receives their physical health benefits and care management from MHPs, and their behavioral health benefits and case management from the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs). This is legislatures attempt to distance itself from the risk of providing services to that very vulnerable population. The County contribution is a percentage of the budget, which was relatively small. Community mental health is 95% Medicaid funded statewide. There were very little general funds and very little local dollars. These dollars were very important to NCCMH. Thankfully, all of the six (6) counties including Cheboygan County passed a resolution last year on Section 928, which is the local match draw down. This is where they have to send their local dollars to the state, so that it could be turned into the general fund and draw down additional Medicaid dollars. Unfortunately, last year they changed the boiler plate, so that over a five (5) year period, they would eliminate that local match contribution and they did so in this year's budget by 20%, which stayed locally. She stated that this was wonderful, but unfortunately the Governor put this back into the budget and is looking at putting it back into the general fund line item, which doesn't achieve the same objective.

Authority outlines covering the General Fund Service: 24/7 Crisis Services; Jail Diversion Services; Medicaid Spenddown and Behavioral Health Services for Uninsured. Safety Net

Services: Community Awareness; Community Health and Wellness; Community Collaboration in Training; Community Collaboration in Consultation and Community Partner Collaboration – Ongoing Participation in a Variety of Community Initiatives. This is on the radar for Michigan Association of Counties. Just yesterday, public forums have been held to gather input on this plan and, hopefully, more details will be forthcoming by the end of the month. This is a work in progress. The administration has asked for \$5 million dollars in the budget this year to form a transformation office. These are the most vulnerable citizens and some of the most costly citizens that MDHHS serve. MDHHS needs to be very careful about how they go about changing a structure to meet their needs. Commissioner Sangster commented that unless these people are involved in the legal system, it's the middle group that was the ones that were being missed. Ms. Gebhard commented that this was done when the Board adopted the Stepping Up Initiative Resolution to help reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in the jail.

### **Finance Director's Report**

Administrator Jeff Lawson stated that there would be no General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report for January and February 2020. It would be presented at the April 14, 2020 Finance Business Meeting because the 2019 year-end adjustments were still being posted. Also the Cash Summary by Fund Cash and Investment Report for January 2020 would not be presented as the 2019 adjusting entries were still being posted and beginning cash balances could be affected. Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the 2019 Audit stating staff is currently working with Mr. Manko and our auditors to complete audit preparation work prior to the field work, which is scheduled for mid-May.

### **Administrator's Report**

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the Marina Project. The Michigan Waterways Staff is now reviewing the final plans and specifications for project bidding.

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the County Building Repairs. MacMillian Associates, the structural engineer for the project have completed their field work to develop plans and specifications for the repair project. Plans and specifications are scheduled to be completed by the first week of April with the project being advertised by mid-April.

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the Indigent Defense Meeting Room. Staff is developing a bid packet for the additional meeting room space as approved under the County's Indigent Defense Compliance Plan to construct a 7"x11" meeting room within a portion of the District Courtroom.

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the 2020-2021 Indigent Defense Compliance Plan. Staff will be working with the Michigan Indigent Defense staff to complete the application for the County's 2020-2021 Compliance Plan. Once the application is completed, it will be presented to the Board for approve.

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the Inverness Sewer Bond. The Inverness Township Sewer bond is scheduled to be refinanced by the end of March or early April resulting in the pay-off of the original USDA Bond. Once completed, the County will be releases from the USDA requirements and the ownership of the sewer system will be held strictly by the Inverness Township.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Commissioner Sangster attended a Board Appointments & Procedures Meeting on March 5th and would recommend the following appointments/reappointments.

**Motion** by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Warfield, to appoint William Soullier to the Cheboygan County Airport Authority for a 3-year term commencing January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022; to reappoint Ed Ginop to the North Country Community Mental Health Board for a 3-year term commencing on April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2023 and to reappoint Alice Mushlock to the Cheboygan County Tax Allocation Board for a one (1) year term effective April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Newman presented the Resolution #20-04 Support Passage of Legislation to Adopt 4-Year Terms for County Commissioners. This Resolution supports the adoption of House Hills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for County Commissioners within Michigan. He reminded the Board that Michigan was only one (1) of five (5) states in the country that only has two (2) year terms for their commissioners.

Commissioner Warfield stated that this was discussed at great length at the MAC Conference last summer with great support. The last update from MAC was that they were trying to decide as to what year this would be implemented. There was good discussion about the pros and the cons, but the opinions seemed to be unanimous.

**Motion** by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner Tryban, to adopt

Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners  
Resolution 2020-04  
Supporting Passage of Legislation to Adopt 4-Year  
Terms for County Commissioners

At a Regular Meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, on March 10, 2020:

**WHEREAS**, the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the County Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with the Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new County Commissioners shall be concurrent with that of State Representatives, as specified in Article IV, Section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the scope of duties of a County Commissioner has greatly increased in the last century – road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, land use and solid waste planning, food and water supply safety, economic development efforts, emergency management and response, etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

**WHEREAS**, the position of County Commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

**WHEREAS**, legislation to amend state law to enact four-years terms has been filed in the form of House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for County Commissioners.

A roll call vote was taken with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Commissioner Warfield commented on the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioner Resolution 2020-09 Opposing Governor Whitmer's \$3.5 Billion Road Bond Debt and read a couple of the excerpts from the resolution. What we are looking at is all this money that is proposed in this bond issue, which was going to be spent in the southeast quadrant of the State of Michigan with no benefits for the taxpayers of road users in Northern Michigan. It was the consensus of the Board to have staff prepare a Resolution for Cheboygan County and to bring it back to the next Board meeting for approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Treasurer Buffy Weldon presented the Michigan Rural Community Demolition Grant. Property located at 324 North C Street, in the City of Cheboygan, was abandoned because of a house fire in 2016. The Cheboygan County Treasurer foreclosed on this parcel in 2019.

The County Treasurer would need to move forward with the demolition of this property and use funds from the County foreclosure surplus if grant money is not received. The Demolition Grant offered by the State Land Bank is an opportunity for the County to restore this land to a buildable site or a bigger yard for one of the neighbors to purchase while utilizing surplus funds from the State.

The State Land Bank is offering \$250,000 in demolition grants. This application would be for \$20,000 or less for demolition of the burned structure on North C Street. The structure on this property will need to be removed so the property can be "debris free" for the next Foreclosure Auction. Your approval of my application is greatly appreciated. Discussion was held on why the County is cleaning up City property and the possibility of partnering with local entities.

**Motion** by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner Sangster, to submit the Michigan Rural Community Demolition Grant Application to the State Lane Bank Authority. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Administrator Jeff Lawson presented the ATR Motorsports Promotions (Monster Truck Show). The Fair Board would like the County to enter into an agreement with ATR Motorsports Promotions in the base amount of \$15,000 and a 90% 10% grandstand event gate split for amounts above the base contract amount for a Monster Truck Show during the Fair on August 14, 2020. Civil Counsel has reviewed this agreement.

**Motion** by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Warfield, to approve the ATR Promotions Agreement for a Monster Truck Show and authorize the Chair to sign. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Planning Director Michael Turisk presented Zoning Ordinance Amendment #154: An ordinance to amend Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance #200 relative to Home Occupations and Storage Buildings. Section 24.2 of Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance #200 provides for required procedures for processing amendments to the zoning ordinance that include provisions for a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission, requisite public notice requirements and transmittal of the Planning Commission's recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

The principal intent of Amendment #154 is to codify or formalize the allowance of certain plumbing fixtures in private storage buildings, namely toilets and vanities, as well as to condense several of our previous land use definitions regarding storage buildings by proposed two amended definitions for Agricultural Building and Private Storage Building/Workshop Buildings.

In addition, the amendment clarifies the triggers for submittal of a zoning permit application for a Home Occupation land use, and in Section 17.23.2 clarifies that the sale of items or products incidental to a Home Occupation land use are permitted.

At the public hearing the Planning Commission directed staff to forward a recommendation of approval to the Board of Commissioners.

**Motion** by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to adopt

**Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance Amendment #154  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ZONING  
ORDINANCE NO. 200 RELATIVE TO HOME OCCUPATIONS AND  
STORAGE BUILDINGS**

**Section 1. Amendment of Section 2.2.**

Section 2.2. of the Cheboygan County Ordinance 200 is hereby amended to delete the following Definition:

**PRIVATE STORAGE BUILDING**

A building or structure that is used for private non-commercial storage of materials that are owned by the property owner and used only by the property owner and does not have permanent facilities for living, sleeping, cooking, and/or sanitation including but not limited to a toilet facility.

**Section 2. Amendment of Section 2.2.**

Section 2.2. of the Cheboygan County Ordinance 200 is hereby amended to amend the following Definitions which shall read in their entirety as follows:

**AGRICULTURAL BUILDING**

A building that is used principally for agricultural storage, with no provisions for overnight living or sleeping areas. Accessory private non-commercial storage and/or home workshop activities are permitted in Agricultural Buildings. A toilet facility and/or washbasin/vanity are permitted in an Agricultural Building; however, bathtub and shower facilities are prohibited.

**PRIVATE STORAGE BUILDING/WORKSHOP BUILDING**

A detached building or structure used for private, noncommercial storage, and/or home workshop purposes, with no provisions for overnight living or sleeping areas that is owned by the property owner, used only by the property owner and does not have permanent facilities for living, sleeping and/or cooking, nor used for residential purposes. A toilet facility and/or washbasin/vanity are permitted in a Private Storage Building/Workshop Building; however, bathtub and shower facilities are prohibited.

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### Section 3. Amendment of Section 17.21.

Section 17.21. of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No. 200 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

#### SECTION 17.21. HOME OCCUPATIONS

Cheboygan County recognizes the desire and/or need of some citizens to use their residence, specified accessory building for small business activities in order to reduce trip generation and to provide another economic development tool, but it also recognizes the need to protect the surrounding areas from adverse impacts generated by these small business activities.

##### 17.21.1 ADMINISTRATION

A Home Occupations require a zoning permit when the Home Occupation includes any of the following. (Any Home Occupation that does not include any of the following may be established without a zoning permit.)

- 1.) One additional on site, non-resident employee.
- 2.) Any commercial signage.
- 3.) Results in additional parking for or in additional traffic from customers.
- 4.) Any commercial deliveries or pickups of materials or supplies used in the Home Occupation.

B. No Home Occupation that requires a zoning permit shall be conducted until a zoning permit has been issued by the Zoning Administrator. The application for the zoning permit shall include the following:

- 1.) The type of business and business activities.
- 2.) The number of employees.
- 3.) The vehicles used in the Home Occupation.
- 4.) The number of expected customer visits per day.
- 5.) The number of expected deliveries/drop offs.
- 6.) Additional information as may be determined necessary.

##### 17.21.2 PERMITTED USES FOR HOME OCCUPATIONS

It is recognized that this list may not be totally inclusive. The Zoning Administrator shall determine whether a request is similar to a following listed use as to approve or deny:

- A. Home offices, including architects, counselors, clergy, doctors, dentists, engineers, attorneys, contractors, and accountants
- B. Home studios, including artists, sculptors, musicians, photographers, and authors
- C. Personal services, including barbershops and beauty parlors
- D. Instructional services, including music, dance, art, and craft classes
- E. Repair services, including small appliances, small engines, and computers/electronics
- F. Workrooms, including weaving and woodworking
- G. Day care homes

##### 17.21.3 STANDARDS

Any Home Occupation that requires a zoning permit shall comply with all of the following applicable standards:

- A. Home Occupations shall be conducted within the principal residential structure or specified, permitted accessory building.
- B. Customer visits and delivery vehicles are limited to the hours of *Bam* to 7pm.
- C. Delivery vehicles are limited to passenger vehicles, mail carriers, and express carriers.
- D. Nonresident employees on the premises are limited to one (1) at any one time.
- E. Home Occupations shall not create traffic, visible displays, vibrations, heat, noise, odors, dust, glare, or other similar

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nuisances not normally found in the surrounding area.

F. Home Occupations shall not generate waste or sewage in volume or type that is not normally associated with residential use.

G. The occasional sale of commercial items that are incidental to the Home Occupation shall be permitted.

### **17.21.4. CONDITIONAL APPROVALS**

The Zoning Administrator may impose reasonable conditions with the approval of an application for a Home Occupation, pursuant to Section 17.21.3 of this Ordinance.

### **Section 4. Amendment of Section 17.23.**

Section 17.23. of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No. 200 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

### **SECTION 17.23 PRIVATE STORAGE BUILDINGS/WORKSHOP BUILDINGS AND USES**

Cheboygan County recognizes the desire and/or need of some citizens to have a parcel that is used primarily for indoor storage of items that are typically used in a home or to store equipment used for maintenance of a single-family home or enjoyment by the residents of a single-family home. A Private Storage Building/Workshop Building is a primary use, not subordinate to another use on the same property.

#### **17.23.1 STANDARDS**

The following standards apply to Private Storage Buildings/Workshop Buildings and uses in the Residential (D-RS), Rural Character/Country Living (O-RC) and Lake and Stream Protection (P-LS) zoning districts. Private Storage Buildings/Workshop Buildings that are allowed in other zoning districts do not have to abide by this section, but must follow all other applicable standards.

- a. The structure(s) shall not serve as a residence or dwelling of any kind.
- b. Placement of a Private Storage Building/Workshop Building on the property shall be situated to allow placement of a future dwelling, well and septic field, if required.
- c. No Home Occupations or Home Occupation related activities can occur on the property or within the building(s).
- d. Only goods and material storage are permitted in Private Storage Buildings/Workshop Buildings. The buildings are not to be used for human habitation at any time.
- e. If within thirty (30) feet of a side property line, all such Private Storage Buildings/Workshop Buildings must be screened from view of the side property lines with a solid evergreen hedge with a minimum height of six (6) feet or privacy fence with a minimum height of six (6) feet.
- f. No more than two (2) Private Storage Buildings/Workshop Buildings are allowed per acre of contiguous property under the same ownership as recorded with the office of the register of deeds with a maximum of four (4) storage/workshop buildings allowed for all properties under the same ownership.
- g. The total floor area of the foot print(s) of all Private Storage Buildings/Workshop Buildings on the same lot of record or on one or more contiguous lots of record under the same ownership, as recorded with the office of the register of deeds, shall comply with the following applicable requirements:
  1. If the area of the lot of record or the area of the contiguous property on which the Private Storage Buildings/Workshop Buildings are located is two (2) acres or less, then the total floor area shall be no more than 1,600 square feet.
  2. If the area of the lot of record or the area of the contiguous property on which the Private Storage Buildings/Workshop Buildings are located is more than two (2) acres but is three (3) acres or less, then the total floor area shall be no more than 3,200 square feet.

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3. If the area of the lot of record or the area of the contiguous property on which the Private Storage Buildings/Workshop Buildings are located is more than three (3) acres, then the total floor area shall be no more than 6,000 square feet.

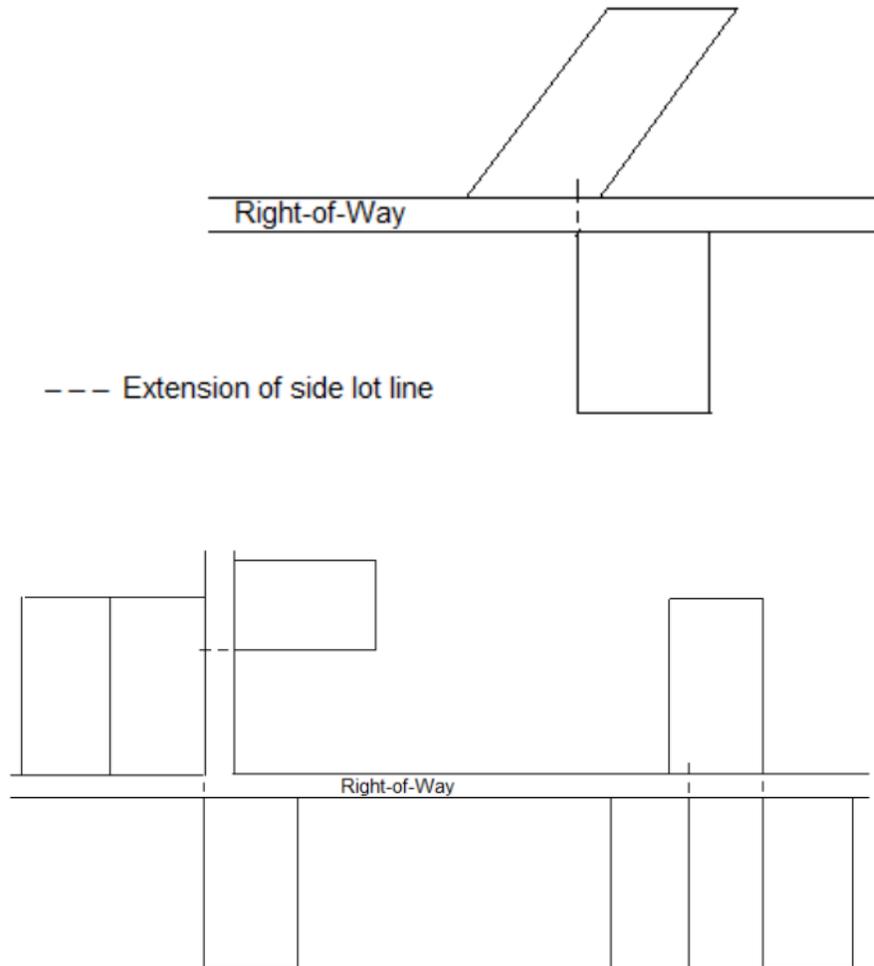
h. In the P-LS district, all Private Storage Buildings/Workshop Buildings must meet a minimum setback from the water's edge of 50 feet and must meet all other applicable setbacks for the zoning district in which located.

i. The structure(s) may not be used to house or support animals of any type.

j. The structure(s) cannot be used for any commercial and/or business uses including the storage of materials, vehicles or other items used for commercial or business purposes.

k. A toilet facility and/or washbasin/vanity are permitted in the Private Storage Building/Workshop Building; however, bathtub and shower facilities are prohibited.

l. Contiguous lots of record for purposes of Section 17.23.1.e and Section 17.23.1.f. shall also include lots of record separated by a right-of-way, but only when at least one of the lot's side lot lines when extended over the right-of-way either aligns with a side lot line of the other lot or is located between the side lot lines of the other lot as illustrated by the following diagrams;



**Section 5. Severability.**

If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent

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jurisdiction, said declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance as a whole or any part, thereof, other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

### **Section 6. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after being published in a newspaper of general circulation within the County.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Administrator Jeff Lawson presented the Michigan Be Counted 2020 Census Grant. The State of Michigan has allocated \$10,000 or grant funding to assist Counties to submit a grant application identifying an action plan to facilitate participation from citizens to be counted in the 2020 Census. Staff would pursue working with local non-profit agencies to implement a plan.

**Motion** by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Warfield, to approve submittal of grant application to revive Michigan Be Counted 2020 Census funding. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

### **BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Wallace presented the 2-1-1 phone program that refers people to social service agencies. This was a good tool to use and he didn't know of anyone that needed services that didn't have a cell phone. Discussion was held on contributing Cheboygan money to 2-1-1 in the total of \$1,958 and promoting it by putting it on the county web page and by giving it to the press.

**Motion** by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to support the 2-1-1 program; contribute the funding of \$1,959 and authorize any necessary budget adjustments. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Sheriff Dale Clarmont presented the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services. The three-county concept may have been all right when it was adopted originally in 2004 and amended in 2011, but things have gotten more complicated and expensive and he believes it's time to bring the program back in-county. The current level of preparedness for an emergency is where it should be. The equipment is outdated and there hasn't been a tabletop preparation exercise in five (5) years. He envisions the county emergency manager position being a sergeant level position in the sheriff's department. The net cost shouldn't be significantly different from what the county is paying now in the three-county system. Sheriff Clarmont's recommendation to the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners was to move to dissolve the Interlocal Agreement Emergency Management Services among the counties of Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Emmet dated January 1, 2011; the recommendation of the Chairman of the Cheboygan Board of Commissioners to authorize the oversight of emergency management coordinator to the Cheboygan County Sheriff; recommend to the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners to approve the funding of the position within the Cheboygan County Sheriff Office and authorize the necessary budget adjustments. Staff to draft a resolution and bring it back to the Board for approval at the April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Motion** by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner Sangster, to take immediate action to dissolve the Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services from 2011; authorize the oversight of emergency management coordinator to the Cheboygan County

Sheriff; approve the funding of the position within the Cheboygan County Sheriff Office and authorize the necessary budget adjustments. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Grant Township Supervisor Gil Archambo commented that he has been approached by a few of his residents because of spring coming and the concerns of the lake levels of Black Lake. Administrator Lawson commented since 2016, the Alverno Dam owner has been working to modify their permit with the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee and for the past two (2) years, the two (2) lake associates have been working with the dam owner on protocols from winter to summer. It is his understanding that one (1) of the lake associates agrees and the other does not. The dam owner has asked for an extension through July to submit for their FERC permit modifications. The County will be taking action to provide an answer to FERC as far as the permitting once we know that the dam facility owner has offered. This will come out in a Public Notice in the next couple of months and when the county receives that information, we will respond. Going back to the mid 1960's, a court order was issued by the Circuit Court to set lake levels on Black Lake. There was grant funding available in the late 60's or early 70's to dredge Smith Rapids and there was an attempt to put together a special assessment district at the time and that process failed. There are still base line issues regardless of what happens with the lake levels because the Alverno Dam can only control water levels to a certain degree. This was shown by studies that have been done for approximately 15 to 18 years. Consumers Energy ran the dam with all of the spill gates completely open for that time period and there were still lake level issues. If you are receiving questions from citizens that don't belong to a lake association, please refer them to the Drain Commissioner, Cam Cavitt or myself.

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Matelski commented that she took a tour of the Animal Shelter and it is all done and Mary Talaske is very happy.

Commissioner Warfield commented he had attended a Mackinac Corridor Authority Meeting along with Commissioner Sangster and others. They have selected a contractor for the tunnel project who is J.D. Contracting, a Michigan contractor. A meeting will be scheduled with them to see what we can do to facilitate some of that money back into Cheboygan County.

**Motion** by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Newman, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent. Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

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Karen L. Brewster  
County Clerk/Register

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John B. Wallace  
Chairperson