

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS
February 25, 2011**

The meeting was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Chairperson Linda Socha at 8:00 a.m.

Roll called and quorum present.

Present: Commissioners Socha, Horrocks, Redmond, Gouine, Matelski, Wallace and Allor

Absent: None

Others Present: Administrator Overton, Clerk/Register Tryban, Treasurer Cronan, Prosecutor Vizina, Sheriff Clarmont, Judge Pavlich, Judge Barton and Judge Butts

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

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Chairperson Socha said that as in the past, the meeting today would be informal discussion to foster discussion with those elected officials with departments and employees relative to budget.

General discussion was held on a variety of topics with each elected official reporting pertinent to their department. Discussion centered on the need for better security in the county building. Other matters discussed included reductions in road patrol by the Michigan State Police, potential loss of the domestic violence prosecutor, upcoming employee retirements, legislation that may affect the Sheriff's Department, possible change in disbursements from the foreclosure fund, and changes in passport services. Sheriff Clarmont said he plans to hold another Rapid Response training for county building employees this year.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Emmet County resident Rich Carlson (dressed as Santa Claus) commented on opening the meeting with a prayer and encouraged the board to stand up for Christmas.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Commissioner Matelski noted that Santa did not remove his hat for the prayer and pledge.

Commissioner Horrocks stated he has been a Catholic his entire life and personally believes in Christmas; and any type of court action would be costly to taxpayers.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to adjourn to the call of the chair. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson