

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JULY 22, 2014**

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, Bruce Gauthier, Cal Gouine, Pete Redmond, Tony Matelski, John Wallace, and Sue Allor.

Absent: None

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

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mike Cromley, a citizen of Koehler Township, addressed the Board regarding the benefits of wind power in Delta County.

SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Matt Hellens, IT Director, presented the Department's annual report. Matt presented several projects that the department has been working on and completed. County Administrator Lawson gave an update on a security system for the front door. Commissioner Matelski asked if the website has been receiving a lot of updates since implementation. Matt affirmed. Discussion was held regarding the website.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Lawson reported on several projects. The Sand Road Senior Center received a design bid for the septic system project from C2ae for \$4,600. C2ae has been awarded the contract. Mr. Lawson stated that there is a Drug Court grant application on the agenda and legal counsel is currently updating those. Mr. Lawson stated that the roof over the Reid building is nearly completed; and that the County Building parking lot paving is completed and the next paving project is at the Reid building. He stated that the steps near the jail are completed and there is a retaining wall that needs to be built in that area to meet code. Commissioner Matelski asked about the design of the driveway to drain water when it rains. Mr. Lawson confirmed that it is designed to divert water and that new pavement has a film that can look like soap bubbles when it rains.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Finance Director Kari Kortz presented the application for the MDCGP Drug Court Grant. The application of this grant is necessary to apply for the Byrne Grant. Commissioner Socha asked why Judge Pavlich is listed as the Financial Officer. Ms. Kortz stated that it was discussed and Circuit Court does not want to miss any e-mails or other notifications. Administrator Lawson stated that the State Court Administrator's Office requires the judge to be in one of the positions to receive direct information for the program. Commissioner Allor is concerned about the cost of the program compared to the minimal number of graduates from the program. Commissioner Wallace commented that as many graduates that have completed the drug court program is phenomenal for the area. Commissioner Matelski stated that he noticed that some Drug Court participants have received custody of their children back and that the cost of the placement of those children elsewhere needs to be considered.

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Commissioner Allor noted that the charge for participation for Drug Court has increased, but she is concerned about all of the incentives. She noted a significant increase in wage and hours to the NEMCOG Case Manager. Commissioner Socha expressed her concern about the realm of support that the Drug Court program is providing with public funds outside of drug rehabilitation that a different social service should provide. Commissioner Wallace stated that it is very difficult to assess a cost of incarceration versus the cost of the program. Commissioner Matelski clarified that the limit of the County's contribution to the program is \$22,500.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Wallace to approve the Cheboygan County Drug Court Michigan Drug Court Grant Program grant application, and all future forthcoming documentation allowing the Chairperson to submit by electronic submission the documentation after review and approval of Finance Director and legal counsel if applicable. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Lawson presented the State of Michigan ORV and Snowmobile Grants for fiscal year 2014-2015. Discussion was held regarding the amount of the grant and local match.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to accept Sheriff Clarmont's recommendation and approve the submission of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 State of Michigan ORV and Snowmobile Grant applications in order to maintain the 2014-2015 ORV and Snowmobile Safety Patrols and allow the Sheriff to sign all forthcoming required documentation after review by the Finance Director and Civil Counsel, if applicable. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION – None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gouine asked Administrator Lawson how the new Veteran's Director is doing. Administrator Lawson stated that he will be presenting a department report in the near future, he has received his certification and has seen and spoken with a substantial number of veterans.

Commissioner Socha stated she received an e-mail concerned about County's sign ordinance enforcement which she forwarded to the Community Development Director. Administrator Lawson stated that he was not copied on the e-mail.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Wallace to adjourn this meeting to the call of the chair at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Linda Socha
Chairperson