

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JUNE 23, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Chairperson Pete Redmond at 9:30 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

Present: Commissioners Chris Brown, Bruce Gauthier, 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 Redmond requested to switch Item 9C *Zoning Ordinance Amendment #128 Parking Requirements Medical/Dental Offices* with Item 9F *Amendment to the Application for Title IV-E Reimbursement Program*.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ken Paquet, Board member of the Cheboygan County Road Commission, stressed the need for an appointment be made to fill the vacancy on the Road Commission. Mr. Paquet stated that the five member Board has worked very well.

SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Chris Baumgardener, CEO of Alcona Health Center, stated that Alcona Health Center will be taking over the primary health care practices of McLaren Northern Michigan Cheboygan Campus effective August 1, 2015. Ms. Baumgardener stated that Alcona Health Center will be "leasing" the doctors from McLaren as they all are currently contracted with McLaren, but in all other aspects will be employees of Alcona Health Center. Shari Schult of McLaren said it doesn't change the other parts of the business such as ER services, labs, etc. Plans are to add McLaren Northern Indian River Clinic by October 1, 2015. Ms. Baumgardener said there is a spot on the Alcona Health Care Board for someone from Cheboygan County. Commissioner Redmond appointed Commissioner Gauthier to that position.

Circuit Court Judge Scott Pavlich presented the annual report for the 53rd Circuit Court. He reported that the number of criminal cases filed in 2014 was essentially the same as it was for 2013, however, the civil filings decreased substantially. There were only three jury cases conducted in 2014 in Circuit Court. Total collections increased slightly in 2014. The net operating cost was reduced by about \$9,000, with the expenditures for the year being almost \$20,000 under budget. During 2014, drug court admitted 17 new participants, saw six successful graduations and six unsuccessful terminations. The current drug court population is 25. The program saved the County approximately 1,100 days of jail incarceration. Judge Pavlich reported the second annual public satisfaction survey was conducted in the fall of last year by all three courts in the County. Public feedback was very positive. Commissioner Brown commended Judge Pavlich on the Drug Court Program.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Lawson stated that NEMCOG has contacted the county about a meeting regarding the regional prosperity initiative. He stated that no date has been set for that meeting. Administrator Lawson stated that the security door installation should occur by July 24. He said that the Senior Center septic project is underway and they are waiting for tanks to be delivered. Administrator Lawson stated that the new FOIA policies will be posted online.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Gauthier presented the recommendation of the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee regarding the appointment to fill the vacancy on the Road Commission. Commissioner Gauthier stated that the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee recommend the appointment of Bob Chadwick.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier, seconded by Commissioner Matelski to accept the recommendation of the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee and appoint Bob Chadwick to the Cheboygan County Road Commission for a term expiring on the date that the 2016 November General Election is certified by the Cheboygan County Board of Canvassers. Discussion held. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 5 yes, 2 no (Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Gouine) and 0 absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Verlin of Gabridge & Company of Grand Rapids presented and highlighted the 2014 Cheboygan County audit. Mr. Verlin stated that the financial condition of Cheboygan County as of December 31, 2014 was very strong.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Brown to accept audited financial statements for Cheboygan County for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Finance Director Kari Kortz stated the 2014 Straits Regional Ride audit was done in connection with the county audit, although no separate presentation was prepared for the Commissioners regarding the audit because it is simply a fund of Cheboygan County.

Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Allor to accept the audited financial statements for Straits Regional Ride for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Finance Director Kari Kortz presented the FY 2016 Title IV-E Reimbursement Program Amended Application to DHS. She explained that this program provides funding for neglect and abuse services for the Prosecutor's Office.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to approve the submission of the FY2016 Reimbursement Amended Application for 2016 to the State of Michigan in the following manner: authorize the Finance Director to submit using the E-Grams on-line grant management system on behalf of Pete Redmond, Chairperson. Furthermore, authorize the Chairperson to sign any forthcoming agreements or required documentation upon the review and approval of the Finance Director, Kari Kortz, and the Cheboygan County legal counsel, if applicable, and authorize the Finance Director to submit using the E-Grams on-line grant management system any future reporting requirements on behalf of the County Board. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Lawson presented a Fairgrounds Usage Contract for the Wanigan Festival.

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Motion by Commissioner Gouine, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier to approve the Fairground Event Agreement for an area adjacent to the horseshoe pits on July 11, 2015 between 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. by the Cheboygan Chamber of Commerce and the Cheboygan Jaycees for an awards ceremony which will include live music, chili tasting, pop and canned beer sale contingent upon the receipt of a permit for alcohol sales from the State of Michigan and authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Lawson presented Resolution 15-09 regarding Freedom of Information Act Fees. Administrator Lawson stated that this will be included in an annual fee resolution.

Motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Wallace to adopt Cheboygan County Resolution 15-09 establishing Freedom of Information Act fees to comply with Act 563 of PA 2014. A roll call vote was taken. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Community Planner Scott McNeil presented Zoning Ordinance Amendment #128 regarding required parking for medical and dental offices.

Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Allor to adopt Zoning Ordinance Amendment #128 as per Planning Commission recommendation:

Zoning Ordinance Amendment #128

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE #200 TO PROVIDE MINIMUM PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTIAL CLINICS AND DOCTORS OFFICES’.

THE COUNTY OF CHEBOYGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDAINS;

Section 1. Amendment of Section 17.6.

Section 17.6. of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance #200 is hereby amended to replace the following row in its proper alphabetical location to read in its entirety as follows;

Clinics- medical & dental, Doctors’ offices	2 per examination/treatment room plus 1 per employee on largest working shift
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Section 2. Severability.

If any section, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent 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 3. Effective Date.

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

Discussion was held regarding support of the amendment. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Redmond stated that he and Commissioner Allor received correspondence regarding District No. 4 Health Department and decertification and termination of the Maternal and Infant Health Program due to findings identified in two site visits. The state’s decision will be appealed as this is a very large program both in regard to the number of staff involved and as a revenue source for District 4 Health.

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Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Brown, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Mary Ellen Tryban
County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Pete Redmond
Chairperson