

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 12, 2013**

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, 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 Matelski requested Item 5A Monthly Finance Claims be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Chairperson Socha requested Item 7 Fair Board Minutes be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Chairperson Socha requested adding a closed session regarding contract negotiations.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to approve the amended agenda with the above additions moved under New Business. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. ~~Approve Monthly Finance Claims (Moved to New Business)~~
- B. Budget Adjustments – Raise Revenues & Expenditures totaling \$523,578.54, Fund 101 total budget increase = \$10,640, Fund 201 total budget increase = \$421,993, Fund 430 total budget increase = \$90,945.54
- C. Top O Michigan Outboard Racing Club Request
- D. Correspondence
 - 1. NEMCOG – Public Notice of Proposed Seawall Replacement, Backfilling and Dredging in Cheboygan River Kokosing Construction Company Inc.
- E. Minutes:
 - 1. Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 22, 2013, and Finance/Business Meeting of February 12, 2013 and Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 26, 2013
 - 2. Health Board – January 15, 2013
 - 3. NMSAS – January 7, 2013
 - 4. NEMCSA – February 1, 2013
 - 5. North Country Community Mental Health – January 17, 2013
 - 6. Northern Lakes Economic Alliance
 - 1) January President's Report & March President's Report
 - 2) February 2013 Newsletter
 - 3) 2012 Annual Report
 - 7. ~~Cheboygan County Fair Board – February 4, 2013 (Moved to New Business)~~
 - 8. Board Appointments & Procedures – March 6, 2013
 - 9. Cheboygan County Road Commission – February 20, 2013 and February 21, 2013
 - 10. Cheboygan City Council – January 22, 2013 and February 12, 2013
 - 11. Planning Commission Meeting – January 16, 2013 and February 6, 2013

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

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CITIZENS COMMENTS – Joanne Spies Beranger, grand-daughter of William Edgerton Spies, addressed the Board regarding her opposition to the allowance of alcohol on the Cheboygan County Fairgrounds Property. She made the claim that the 30 acres of property relinquished for adoption as the Cheboygan County Fairgrounds was to be used solely for family oriented activities. She provided copies of a dedication written for William Edgerton Spies and 1999 set of Commission Minutes, mentioning previous reference to the Cheboygan County Fairgrounds.

SCHEDULED VISITORS – None

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Director of Finance Kari Kortz said the report for the December 31st, 2012 year end will not be reported until the general fund audit has been completed and is in final form, which is scheduled at the end of April. The budget amendment report is proposed to be presented in April. Director of Finance Kortz reviewed the revenue and expenditures report for the General Fund for the month ending January 31st, 2013. She reported total year-to-date revenue of \$164,000 versus \$319,000 last year at that time – a decrease of around \$154,000, mostly due to timing differences. The General Fund is at 1.57% of revenue compared to this time last year when the General Fund was at 3%. Ms. Kortz reported expenditures year-to-date for month ending January 31st, 2013 of \$788,000 as compared to \$727,000 last year at that time – expenses are up around \$60,000, mostly due to timing. Currently expenditures are at 7.51%, as compared to last year at this time when the general fund was at 6.9% expenditures. Next month a computer based financial comparison report will be generated thanks to updates in financial department software. Director of Finance Kortz identified that there are no definitive reports being generated, concerning sequestration but there is the potential that Byrne grants and transportation funding affecting Straits Regional Ride could occur.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Administrator Lawson's written report included information on the Board Planning Session, the Animal Shelter and the Boiler Bid. Mr. Amrhein, a Board Planning Session facilitator, has indicated that he is available on April 25 & 26 to facilitate. Mr. Amrhein's cost is approximately \$1,800 for two days. The meeting room at Audie's in Mackinaw City is available. Commissioner Socha raised concern over the expense of the facilitator for two days; Commissioner Allor also indicated her concern of the cost. The Board reached consensus regarding having a two day planning session, but exploring the option of having a planning facilitator for one day. Administrator Lawson to follow up on facilitator cost reduction options.

Regarding the Animal Shelter Project, The Humane Society has started to move back into the building. The Construction Safety Staff is working with the Contractor to complete final inspections. The Contractor still has a few punch list items to complete. Administrator Lawson stated that as with every construction project there are set backs but the Humane Society is happy with the project overall.

In regards to the boiler replacement project, seven bids were received. The architect is verifying bid components and developing the AIA Contract Agreement. The Agreement will be provided for Board consideration at the April 9, 2013 meeting. The apparent low bid for the project was received by the John E. Green Company from Petoskey, MI in the amount of \$127,125 without payment and performance bond cost (designated by the insurance company). Commissioner Matelski inquired about local bids on the project. Administrator Lawson reported that local Cheboygan County company bids had been received, but that they were substantially higher, greater than 5%, of other bids being considered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Redmond presented recommendations on appointments to various boards and committees from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee.

The Cheboygan County Jury Board recently had a board member resignation. Beatrice Whitman, who has served on the Jury Board since 1999, is resigning effective March 15, 2013. The recommendation for appointment of Becky J. Phillips to the Jury Board came through the 53rd Circuit Court Office to the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee.

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Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier to accept the recommendations from the Honorable Judge Scott Pavlich and from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee to appoint Becky J. Phillips to the Cheboygan County Jury Board. Effective March 15, 2013 through December 31, 2015. Discussion held on the numerous qualifications Becky J. Phillips has for the Jury Board position. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Redmond stated that all of the Administrator Evaluation packets have been returned completed. The evaluations have received a preliminary examination, and they will be reviewed in closed session with the Administrator on April 9th, 2013.

Commissioner Redmond attended the District Board of Health meeting, the Business Forum meeting at the McLaren Cheboygan Campus Hospital, a Cheboygan County Fair Board Meeting, a Benton Township Board meeting, and the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee meeting.

Commissioner Gauthier attended the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee meeting, the Chamber of Commerce Economic Round Table meeting. Commissioner Gauthier stated that the Administrator is usually in attendance at the Chamber of Commerce Economic Round Table meetings and so it may not be necessary for a Commissioner to attend all of them as well.

Commissioner Wallace was reappointed as Chair of the Administrative Board of the North East Consortium and appointed to the Finance and Personnel Committee of NMSAS. Commissioner Wallace passed out the annual report for NMSAS.

Commissioner Allor attended the Nunda Township Board meeting, the Cheboygan County Council on Aging meeting, the District Board of Health meeting, Wilmot Township meeting, the Mental Health Area Agency on Aging meeting, the McLaren Cheboygan Campus Business Leaders Forum meeting, Forest Township Board meeting, and the Walker Township Board meeting. At the Nunda Township meeting, Brian Burns from Presque Isle Electric and Gas was in attendance and he commented regarding the storm that hit in December. He stated that there were individuals who were without power for up to 7 days and it's estimated that there were additional costs of approximately \$750,000 due to that storm. People who utilize Presque Isle Electric and Gas have noticed a 1-2% increase in rates, which will be an indefinite increase. At the Area Agency on Aging meeting, there was discussion regarding the home heating assistance program for senior citizens and the reformation that a sequestration of funding is something the Council can work with. The sequestration would cause an estimated reduction in revenues of 5.2%, but it is being conveyed to the public as 9% due to budgetary timing. The Area Agency on Aging has recently signed a contractual agreement with the Red Cross to utilize the Wolverine facility as a designated disaster site. At the North Country Community Mental Health meeting, the Board Chair resigned due to health issues and Ed Ginop is now the acting Chair. The regionalization process is underway, and the Board will be submitting their application for participation by April 1st, 2013. They did begin participation in a pilot program, at a cost of \$25,000, regarding a data sharing project through the Michigan Department of Community Health. They will be exchanging information regarding population analysis, number of ER visits, visits to an individuals primary care provider, and how many scripts the individual has had filled. Also, there is going to be a Medicaid expansion because there has been an adjustment increasing the amount of individuals who can qualify for benefit (up to 133% of federal poverty level). They are anticipating an additional 470,000 individuals in Michigan will be on Medicaid rolls. At the McLaren Cheboygan Campus Business Leaders Forum reported that enrollment this past year has been better than expected and their focus is the patient centered care (supporting preventative educational programs).

Commissioner Gouine reported that a Mullett Township resident, Carl Muskott, has expressed disdain regarding the modification of his printed editorial in the Cheboygan Tribune.

Commissioner Matelski attended an Aloha Township Board meeting, Waverly Township Board meeting, MTA meeting, and two Planning Commission meetings. At the Planning Commission meeting, concern was raised by the public regarding a provision that \$.04 per square foot in addition to the zoning charge for new Agricultural structures being built in farm zones. Commissioner Socha added that the need for a permit would be put before the Planning Commission and that another option may be to have an

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individual sign an affidavit verifying that the building is going to be utilized only for agriculture. There is consensus that the issue needs to be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Socha attended a Remonumentation peer group meeting, the Beaugrand Township Board meeting, a Burt Township Board meeting, and the Planning Commission Master Plan meeting. Commissioner Socha reported that the Planning Commission Master Plan meeting was very well attended. It was reported at the Burt Township Board meeting that construction for the addition to their trail system is in progress; bids for the project will be accepted in April with construction to begin soon thereafter. The Burt Township Board expects completion of the addition to trail way, connecting into the Mullet area trail, in July. The grant providing for the project, funded through the DNR, was matched by individual donations. The amount of money needed for the project was exceeded by approximately \$14,000 thanks to donations. There are hopes of using the overage for the application of another grant to do a trailhead in the same trail system. The trailhead would be designated in the Cheboyganing Nature Preserve parking area where the Burt Lake trail crosses. The local community is being very financially supportive of the projects. Another project being undertaken is a site improvement to the Burt Lake Maple Bay boating access. The DNR Parks and Recreation division proposed closing the site in March or April 2013, with a proposed completion date of site repair by July 19th, 2013. Improvements include a double launch ramp, two courtesy piers, 28 vehicle/trailer parking spaces, 2 toilets, naturalized storm water management systems, and full barrier free accessibility. Keith Cheli, Regional Field Planner based out of Cheboygan office for DNR, commented and stated that he has been managing the Burt Lake Maple Bay boating access site project for six years. He states that the DNR, Burt Lake Township and the Planning/Road Commissions have been working on this project unopposed and transparently. The project has received bids and one award is being considered which includes an accelerated schedule which would allow for the project to be usable by the public by Memorial Day weekend. He also mentioned that the project manager associated with the company whose bid is currently being reviewed is very credible for construction administration and accelerated construction schedules.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Field Planner for Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Keith Cheli, presented the 2013 DNR Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund application. The DNR is requesting a Resolution of Support from the Board of Commissioners for the acquisition of a 40 acre in holding (land lock) parcel (Kuhn parcel) located within Cheboygan State Park. As of this year, the Natural Resources trust fund now requires the DNR to receive endorsement; a resolution of support from local municipalities (Benton Township and Cheboygan County). There is no financial support from the municipalities being requested, simply endorsement. The Benton Township Board was approached last week, unanimous consensus was reached and a resolution of support has been received in support of the acquisition. Paul Kozegi, Manager of the Cheboygan State Park, was also present.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-06

Local Support for DNR MNRTF Projects

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners supports the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) submission of an application titled, "Cheboygan State Park Kuhn 40 acres" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for acquisition of a 40 acre in holding within DNR Parks and Recreation dedicated boundaries at Cheboygan State Park; and,

WHEREAS, the location of the proposed project is within the jurisdiction of Cheboygan County; and,

WHEREAS, with this resolution of support it is acknowledged that Cheboygan County is not committing to any obligations; financial or otherwise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheboygan County hereby supports submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for the proposed acquisition of the 40 acre Kuhn parcel within Cheboygan State Park, buy the DNR.

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Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier, to adopt Resolution 13-06; a Resolution of Support for the DNR Parks and Recreation Division to pursue the purchase of the Kuhn Property which is a 40 acre in holding parcel within Cheboygan State Park with DNR Trust Fund Grant Funding. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Director of Finance, Kari Kortz, presented details regarding the letter of approval for 2012-2013 Annual Plan and Budget for Child Care Fund Expenditures. The State of Michigan sets a budget for Child Care funds in October of every year (based on the State's fiscal year). The County must submit an estimated annual budget for approval by the State. The Child Care expenses can be unpredictable so additional monies are requested to secure an appropriate piece of the State Child Care budget in total, as the County's budget is prepared based on trends. The budget submitted to the state had \$1,168,463 in eligible expenses. The approved County budget has \$669,497 in eligible expenses. The difference is due to an increase from the 2012 County Child Care budget by \$376,690 due to overruns in DHS and State Ward childcare expenditures. In essence, securing a larger piece of funding in October saves the County from getting approval for a budget adjustment later in the year.

Motion by Commissioner Allor, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to receive and file the 2012-2013 Annual Plan and Budget for Child Care Fund Expenditures correspondence. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Administrator Lawson presented the Cheboygan County Fairs Capital Improvement Grant Agreement. The County applied for a County Fairs Capital Improvement Grant for Midway Restroom Improvements with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. The state has approved the application. The grant amount is \$20,000. The total project cost estimate is \$50,800. The additional \$800 is for additional siding for the outside of the building.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to approve the County Fairs Capital Improvement Grant Agreement with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and authorize the Chair and staff to sign the agreement and all supplement grant documents as required, and approve necessary budget adjustments. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Lawson presented the University of Michigan Biological Station Recycling Agreement. This agreement identifies recycling service to be provided by Cheboygan County to the University of Michigan Biological Station from April 10, 2013 to April 10, 2015. The revenues received by the service will cover purported expenses. Format of the Agreement was prepared by legal counsel.

Motion by Commissioner Allor, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier, to approve the two year Cheboygan County recycling agreement for April 10, 2013 through April 10, 2015 for services between Cheboygan County and the University of Michigan Biological Station and authorize a Chairperson to sign the agreement. Discussion was held regarding the specifics of the collection and disposal of recyclables. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Cheboygan County Community Development Planner, Scott McNeil, presented Amendment #115 regarding administrative approval of increase in the footprint of a building subject to an approved site plan or special use permit. The amendment offers updated language addressing administrative approval of changes in floor plans of structures which were subject to previous approval of a site plan or special use permits by the Planning Commission. The proposed amendment provides for administrative approval based on the building foot print of a single structure as opposed to allowing administrative approval of changes based on the total floor area of all structures as currently provided. Included in the amendment is a recommended definition update for the term "building footprint". The current definition of "building footprint" reads as follows:

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BUILDING FOOTPRINT (Rev. 03/09/05, Amendment #39)

The outline of the total area covered by a building's perimeter at the ground level.

The proposed amendment also adds a definition for "total floor area" as this term is used throughout the zoning ordinance with no definition for the same currently in the ordinance. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed ordinance amendment on February 20, 2013. The zoning ordinance amendment was reviewed by legal counsel. Commissioner Wallace raised question regarding how staff would feel with the changes this amendment would bring in the permit process. Scott McNeil proposed that with special use permits there is always a possibility that there could be some additional affects on neighboring properties, so there is merit in the adjustment. Commissioner Gouine questioned the ease of the procedure for the larger property/building owners. Scott McNeil reaffirmed that it would just move for approval from staff to the Planning Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to adopt:

Zoning Ordinance Amendment #115

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND sections 18.11.a.4. and 20.14.a.4. OF THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE #200 TO PROVIDE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO A SPECIAL USE PERMIT OR SITE PLAN REVIEW FOR CHANGES TO THE FOOTPRINT OF A BUILDING.

THE COUNTY OF CHEBOYGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDAINS;

Section 1. Amendment of Section 2.2.

Section 2.2. of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No. 200 is hereby amended to replace the following definition which shall read in its entirety as follows;

BUILDING FOOTPRINT

For a single story building, the square footage of floor space measured from exterior wall to exterior wall; for a multi-story building, the largest square footage of floor space on any story measured from exterior wall to exterior wall.

Section 2. Amendment of Section 2.2.

Section 2.2 of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No. 200 is hereby amended to add the following new definition in its appropriate alphabetical location, which new definition shall read in its entirety as follows:

FLOOR AREA, TOTAL

The total floor area of all stories within a building measured from exterior wall to exterior wall, but excluding enclosed and unenclosed porches, breezeways, and attic, basement, and cellar areas.

Section 3. Amendment of Section 18.11.a.4.

Section 18.11.a.4. of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance #200 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows;

4 Any change in the building footprint of a building that does not exceed ten percent (10%) of the building footprint of that building as originally approved by the Planning Commission, provided that the proposed addition does not alter the character of the use or increase the amount of required parking more than ten (10%) percent. No more than two (2) approvals shall be granted by the zoning administrator under this subsection after the Planning Commission approves a special use permit.

Section 4. Amendment of Section 20.14.a.4.

Section 20.14.a.4. of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance #200 is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows;

4. Any change in the building footprint of a building that does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the building footprint of that building as originally approved by the Planning Commission, provided that the proposed addition does not alter the character of the use or increase the amount of required parking more than twenty (20%) percent. No more than two (2) approvals shall be granted by the zoning administrator under this subsection after the Planning Commission approves a special use permit.

Section 5. 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.

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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 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Wallace questioned whether Planner McNeil knew the origins of the \$.04 per square foot fee charged for new agricultural buildings, mentioned previously in this meeting by Commissioner Matelski. Mr. McNeil could not offer specifics, but was aware that the concern over which is under review. Commissioner Socha questioned when the changes to the sign ordinance were coming before the Board or going before public hearing. Mr. McNeil confirmed that the changes have gone through public hearing but civil counsel is reviewing and it has not been scheduled to come before the Planning Commission as of yet.

Director of Finance, Kari Kortz, presented the purchasing policy revision regarding sole vendor listing 300- 2A to request an update. The finance department is requesting to add two vendors – Grand Traverse Mobile Communications and United Design Associates/Edgewater Design. Grand Traverse Communications is continuing on with County security systems installations, specifically regarding door security. United Design Associates/Edgewater Design has been used for an engineering firm for the upcoming dredging projects.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to adopt the revised Sole Vendor Listing of the Cheboygan County Purchasing Policy 300-2A to become effective March 13, 2013 and authorize a chair person to sign the policy. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Jeff Lawson presented Resolution 13-07 regarding Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Blueways Trail grant application. Cheboygan County has been notified by NEMCOG that special funding is available from the CZM Grant Program to develop projects associated with water trails. NEMCOG as well as Emmet County would like to partner with us to complete a web based platform mapping a regional waterway trail system identifying the environmental as well as the cultural assets along the route to foster access, education and stewardship of our coastal waterways. The grant window for application is narrow. The grant must be submitted by March 27, 2013. Commissioner Allor inquired about the task division between Cheboygan and Emmet County. The two entities will be splitting up tasks, and in-kind labor. Commissioner Gauthier inquired about what portion of Cheboygan County would be included. The trail would be along the Lake Huron Straits Shore Line and Inland Waterway Route.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-07

APPROVING SUBMISSION OF COASTAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR WATERWAY – BLUEWAYS TRAIL PROJECT

WHEREAS, The development of coastal water trails play an important role in the access and opportunities to interpret the cultural and historic maritime resources as well as foster stewardship of coastal areas; and,

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County would like to partner with Emmet County and the North East Michigan Council of Governments to develop a Blueways Trail Project to implement a web based platform identifying the trail as well as the important environment and cultural assets along the route including the Inland Waterways; and,

WHEREAS, Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Commerce Coastal Management Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of the grant application to the Michigan Coastal Management Program in the amount of \$40,000 for the development of the Blueways Trail Project and commits in-kind staff labor as necessary match with our partner agencies to complete the project if funded.

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Motion by Commissioner Gauthier, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to adopt Cheboygan County Resolution 13-07; a resolution approving the submission of Coastal Zone Management Grant Application for the Blueways Trail Project providing in-kind service as match share. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Matelski expressed concern over specific monthly finance claims being sent out specifically regarding designations to the Cheboygan Area Ministerial, Rotary Club, Youth Center, Inland Lakes High school, NEMCOG, and Northern Michigan Independent Drug Screening. Director of Finance, Kari Kortz, addressed his concerns. Most of the specified organizations mentioned by Commissioner Matelski received funding on behalf of the BASA Grant allocated by Honorable Judge Robert Butts, and received through the State Child Care Fund. That portion of Child Care Funding was taken off of the prepaid list submitted previously this year to the state for approval. Northern Michigan Independent, LLC and Catholic Human Services are Drug Court Program expenditures.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Allor, to approve the monthly finance claims as presented, Finance + \$37,672.51 Prepays = \$784,579.89. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Socha addressed concern with the printed and mailed advertisement that has been sent out and received by citizens highlighting the August 3rd, 2013 “International Rock and Wrestling Xperience” grandstand event that has not come before the Board. The event was designated as needing to come before the Board of Commissioners in the last set of Fair Board Minutes and that the advertisements would not be sent out until approval received from the Board of Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Allor, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier, to receive and file the Fair Board Minutes of February 4, 2013. Discussion regarding when the issues would be coming before the Board of Commissioners. Administrator adds that it may be on the agenda for the April 9, 2013 meeting. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Matelski to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(c), for a strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement with the AFSCME Union. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commission Entered into Closed Session

Commission Returned to Open Session

Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Allor, to not enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning the requirement to have employees continue to pay union dues or open AFSCME Union contracts. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Gauthier) and 0 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Commissioner Matelski commented regarding the correspondence handed out by Ms. Joanne Spies Beranger referencing the purchase price of the Cheboygan County Fair property. Chairperson Socha identified correspondence referencing Board of Commissioner action from 1999, would not have bearing on the actions of this board.

Administrator Lawson commented regarding contract negotiation timelines. In June, July and August there will most likely be discussions with the unions. Blue Cross Blue Shield is reporting premiums may increase up to 20% due to federal mandates. Commissioner Socha expressed concern over pooling

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system for insurance coverage. She would be uncomfortable with our insurance plan moving in the direction of an insurance pool.

Commissioner Socha also expressed to Administrator Lawson that it is understood by all that there are occasions when a Human Resources department could be useful to assist him, especially due to an increase in health insurance/contract negotiation management and that he should express to the Board if there comes a time when the reinstallation of said department may be appropriate. Administrator Lawson affirmed that he feels secure in maintaining the tasks before him, but he is aware of the options available.

Commissioner Matelski wants to make note that the Board of Commissioners needs to discuss the Drug Court Recidivism rate report provided by Judge Pavlich at a future meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Allor, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Amber Libby
Cheboygan County Chief Deputy Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson