

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 8, 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, 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 Allor requested that Item A *Approve Monthly Finance Claims* be pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to New Business. Commissioner Socha requested that Item D-1 *Finance Business Meeting of March 11, 2014* and *Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 25, 2014* be pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to New Business. Commissioner Matelski requested that Item C-1 *Letter from Carl Muscott Regarding Great Up North Initiative (GUN)* be pulled from the Consent Agenda and moved to New Business. Commissioner Socha requested that Item 12-A *Straits Regional Ride Title VI Plan* and Item 12-B *Earth Day Proclamation* moved up to Scheduled Visitors.

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

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

- A. ~~Approve Monthly Finance Claims (Moved to New Business)~~
- B. Budget Adjustments
- C. Correspondence
 - 1. ~~Letter from Carl Muscott Regarding Great Up North Initiative (GUN) (Moved to New Business)~~
 - 2. Antrim County Resolution Opposing SB636 Landline Elimination
 - 3. Antrim County Resolution Regarding Shared Equalization Director
 - 4. Charlevoix County Resolution Commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the National Anthem
 - 5. Gogebic County Resolution in Support of Expansion of Natural Gas Service
 - 6. Gogebic County Resolutions in Support of HB 5215 & HB5253
 - 7. Luce County Resolution Regarding Wireless Service
 - 8. Oceana County Resolution Opposing HB5097 & SB850
 - 9. Public Notice of Proposed Oil & Gas Lease Auction
- D. Minutes:
 - 1. ~~Finance/Business Meeting of March 11, 2014 and Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 25, 2014 (Moved to New Business)~~
 - 2. Health Board – 2/18/14
 - 3. NEMCSA – 3/7/14
 - 4. NEMCOG – 2/20/14
 - 5. CCE 9-1-1 Director's Report; Board Minutes – 2/19/14; and Monthly Financial Reports – December 2013, January 2014 & February 2014; Reorganization Plan
 - 6. Board Appointments and Procedures Committee – 3/21/14
 - 7. NLEA March/April Newsletter and April President's Report
 - 8. Cheboygan County Road Commission – 2/19/14 & 2/20/14
 - 9. Cheboygan City Council – 2/25/14 & 3/10/14
 - 10. Planning Commission Meeting – 3/5/14 & 3/19/14
 - 11. ZBA – 2/26/14

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Stephanie Jacobson, a citizen of Inverness Township, addressed several recent resignations from the Economic Development Corporation (EDC). She thinks that the EDC does not provide enough accountability to citizens as they are not an elected body. She challenged local government to find the EDC initiatives as useful. She criticized the Cheboygan County Master Plan's usefulness but she finds that there is validity in the Master Plan when it gives statistics for foreclosures, population, etc.

SCHEDULED VISITORS

Straits Regional Ride Director Mike Couture presented the Straits Regional Ride Title VI Plan. The Title VI plan has been reviewed by civil counsel. Commissioner Socha asked Mr. Couture about a reference to email address with an uppercase "C" for Cheboygan in the Title VI Plan and asked if that would make a difference. Mr. Couture verified that it would not make a difference.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier to adopt the Cheboygan County Straits Regional Ride Title VI Plan and authorize staff to submit the plan to state and federal agencies. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Diane Taylor and Kathy Bricker presented information regarding the Earth day program. The Earth Day program started as a grassroots effort in 2007 with the goal to increase awareness of environmental issues. The program has expanded significantly since that time. Ms. Taylor reported it is expected that 1000 people will go through the expo which is being held between 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, April 12th at the Cheboygan High School. There will be a live presentation of live animals entitled *Animals of the Rain Forest*. And new for 2014, the program is expanding to do presentations in both East and West Elementary Schools. Ms. Bricker asked the Board to pass the Earth Day Proclamation, and read the Earth Day Proclamation aloud as follows:

EARTH DAY PROCLAMATION

***Whereas**, the first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, with the goal of inspiring environmental awareness and encouraging the conservation, protection, and appreciation of our nation's natural resources; and*

***Whereas**, it is the responsibility of each of us to safeguard the environment, by recognizing that all human life depends upon the Earth and upon one another for our mutual existence, well-being, and development; and*

***Whereas**, the steps we can take to protect and preserve our natural environment through education, partnerships, and positive actions should be encouraged in Cheboygan County; and*

***Whereas**, the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners endeavors to work closely with federal, state, local, and tribal governments, and with non-governmental organizations to consider and protect Cheboygan County's fragile ecosystems and the quality of life therein; and*

***Whereas**, Cheboygan County citizens have built the local Earth Day celebration from a single afternoon event in 2007 to EarthWeekPlus Northern Michigan, offering free public environmental education programs and outings, including the all-afternoon Expo on April 12, Adventures from April 9 through May 28, and special programs in the schools;*

***Whereas**, Cheboygan County proudly recognizes all who participate in Earth Day-related events, for taking a proactive role in shaping the future of our environment and in protecting Cheboygan County's precious natural resources.*

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NOW, THEREFORE, We the Board of County Commissioners of Cheboygan County do hereby proclaim April 22, 2014, as **EARTH DAY** in Cheboygan County and urge all our citizens to be mindful of local, state and national laws which protect our environment, and to join in learning about and preserving the beauty and wonder of the lands, skies, water, and living organisms of the Earth.

Motion by Commissioner Gauthier, seconded by Commissioner Allor to adopt the Earth Day Proclamation as presented. Commissioner Matelski stated he is worried about the brain washing aspects regarding environmentalism of students in the schools. Commissioner Gauthier rebutted Commissioner Matelski's concern. Commissioner Socha stated that she fully supports the Earth Day efforts and that the activities are great. She thanked the committee for working so hard. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried by 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Kathy Bricker presented and read aloud the Earth Day Pledge and passed it to the Board for individual Commissioner signing. Ms. Bricker presented information about the Mackinac Straits Raptor Watch (MSRW) and current raptor watch happenings in Cheboygan and Emmet Counties. The organization is trying to do two things: research (conducting research on the number of hawks through this area as a scientific effort), and educate people. Discussion regarding raptors was held. Commissioner Socha thanked Kathy Bricker and Diane Taylor for their work and hoped they have significant turnout at these events.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Finance Director Kari Kortz presented the revenue and expenditures report for the General Fund for the month ended February 28, 2014. She reported total year-to-date revenue of \$348,078.99, or 3.08% of budget, compared to \$329,441.69, or 3.14% of budget, last year at the same time. Ms. Kortz reported expenditures year-to-date of \$1,710,630.95, or 15.13% of budget, compared to \$1,466,618.53, or 13.96%, last year as of the end February.

Commissioner Socha explained for those in attendance that the county budget is consistent and has been consistent for the last 10 years and that it is normal for the cash flow of the County General Fund to fluctuate throughout the year. Commissioner Socha asked Ms. Kortz or Administrator Lawson for an estimate of the amount of the 2014 tax revenue that was lost to the personal property business tax exemptions and the loss due to the pipeline personal property value reduction that was granted by the State Tax Commission in December. Mr. Kortz and Administrator Lawson explained that they will need to meet with Equalization in order to calculate the exact figures.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Lawson reported on the following projects:

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan's dental clinic would like to terminate their Reid Building lease on June 1st, 2014 and move to McLaren Hospital Building to accommodate their space needs.

The Griswold Mountain property owner would like to continue with their conditional zoning request. Staff is currently researching availability of venue and timing. Dates will be forwarded to the board when they are known.

The roof at the Reid Building is 20 years old and it is in need of replacement. It would be the first capital improvement for the Reid Building. The architect is currently preparing specifications for bids.

Humane Society has contacted the County and they have agreed to pledge a donation back for about 50% of the costs of their Phase II remodel over the next 22 years. To do so, the Humane Society would like to donate \$4800 annually back to the County.

Commissioner Wallace asked what would happen if the Humane Society did not fulfill the \$4800 annual pledge. Administrator Lawson stated that it is simply a donation pledge back and that the cost of capital improvements for county owned properties are the counties responsibility. Commissioner Wallace asked Administrator Lawson if the County would evict the Humane Society from the premises if they did not fulfill

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the \$4800 annually. Administrator Lawson stated that if the Humane Society breached their contract, the County would have to enter into an agreement with a new animal control services contractor, but that the ultimate costs of the improvements are County responsibility and the Humane Society has agreed to donate a portion back.

Commissioner Gauthier asked Administrator Lawson if he had a general idea as to when the Griswold mountain question would come before the Board. Administrator Lawson stated that it is expected to come before the Board either in May or early June. Commissioner Socha stated that once the Griswold Mountain question is scheduled, there will need to be legal counsel training scheduled for the Board regarding legal decisions. Commissioner Socha stated there is a misconception that the Board vote will base their decision on how many hands or signs are up, but that the decision is a land use decision with legalities attached.

Commissioner Matelski asked how many dental clinics in the Reid building. Administrator Lawson stated that there has always just been a Northwest Michigan dental clinic in the building. Commissioner Redmond stated that the program is based for low income individuals. The cost of the program is covered by Medicaid and there are various locations throughout Michigan. Administrator Lawson stated that the discussions regarding the first phase of an expansion was approximately \$500,000, but the square footage they need is already available at McLaren Hospital.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Redmond reported on a Board Appointments and Procedures Committee recommendation for the reappointment of Ed Ginop for a three year term to the North Country Community Mental Health Board.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Matelski to accept the recommendation from the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee and reappoint Ed Ginop to the North Country Community Mental Health Board for a three year term commencing April 1st, 2014 and expiring March 31st, 2017. Commissioner Allor asked why there was a 2:1 vote in the minutes from the meeting with Commissioner Wallace opposed to the recommendation; Commissioner Wallace stated that he would have supported a change on the Board. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Redmond reported on a Board Appointments and Procedures Committee recommendation for the reappointment of Alice Mushlock for a one year term to the County Tax Allocation Board.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier to accept the recommendation from the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee and reappoint Alice Mushlock to the County Tax Allocation Board for a one year term commencing April 1st, 2014 and expiring March 31st, 2015. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Redmond reported on a Board Appointments and Procedures Committee recommendation regarding the current life insurance policies for elected officials. Commissioner Redmond stated that due to age, the limits set for individuals in the life insurance policies was reduced automatically by 50% based on company policy by the insurance provider. Civil counsel researched the issue. Ultimately, the policies could be increased back up to \$25,000 but it would be an additional increase in expenditures. The Board Appointments and Procedures Committee voted to recommend not to increase the insurance policies or expenditures and to keep everything status quo. Commissioner Socha asked Civil Counsel to explain the differences between the legalities for elected officials, not including the Board of Commissioners, who are considered officers and that there is a different legality that pertains to the Board of Commissioners in that the “officers” policies pertain to “salary” and that the Board of Commissioners policies pertain to “compensation”. Civil Counsel explained that with regards to the Board of Commissioners pursuant to state statute, “compensation” for the Board of Commissioners includes not only the monetary payments but also the fringe benefits, so in order to change the compensation for the Board of Commissioners; it would have to be done prior to the next term. Civil Counsel recommended making those changes earlier than November, if desired for the next Board terms, so that those running for a Board seat would know what the compensation is. Commissioner Socha noted that would be the responsibility of the Board

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Appointments and Procedures Committee before the November election. Commissioner Redmond affirmed.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Matelski to accept the recommendation from the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee that life insurance provided to elected officials remain the same at this time. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Redmond reported on a Board Appointments and Procedures Committee recommendation to accept the letters of resignation from James Convoy, Brenda Archambo, and Jane McGinnis from the Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment Board.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Matelski to accept the recommendation of the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee and accept the letters of resignation from James Conboy, Brenda Archambo, and Jane McGinnis from the Cheboygan County Economic Development Corporation/Brownfield Redevelopment. Commissioner Matelski asked if there is any activity with the Brownfield Redevelopment Board. Board discussed that there is no outstanding activity that they are aware of but that there have been reapplication for smaller grants. Commissioner Gouine asked if the positions are being refilled. Commissioner Socha stated that they would not be refilled at this time. Commissioner Redmond stated that the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee is reviewing the functionality/responsibility/legality of the EDC/Brownfield Redevelopment Board. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Redmond reported on a Board Appointments and Procedures Committee recommendation to accept the letter of resignation from Molly Paquin from the Cheboygan County Department of Human Services Board.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Allor to accept the recommendation of the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee and accept the letter of resignation from Molly Paquin from the Cheboygan County Department of Human Services Board. The Board discussed dynamics of the Cheboygan County Department of Human Services Board. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Redmond reported that Bob Moody, who was appointed by the Governor's office to the Cheboygan County Department of Human Services Board, is no longer interested in serving on that Board. Commissioner Wallace has made contact with Mr. Moody and asked him to submit his resignation from that board to the Governor's office, as the position he holds was appointed by the Governor. Commissioner Redmond stated that they currently have some individuals who are interested on serving on the DHS Board and the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee will be moving forward and filling the vacancies.

Commissioner Redmond reported that Cheboygan County Treasurer Linda Cronan had requested the Board Appointments and Procedures Committee to consider adding the benefit of life insurance after retirement of elected officials. The Board Appointments and Procedures Committee reviewed the request and the supporting information provided by Finance Director Kari Kortz. The Board Appointments and Procedures Committee voted not to go any further with request this matter. F

Commissioner Redmond attended a District No. 4 Health Board meeting, a Board Appointments and Procedures Committee meeting, a MAC Legislative Conference, a Fair Board Meeting and a Benton Township meeting. Commissioner Redmond stated that the Health Board is uncertain that the home health program can remain a viable division of the health department based on a decline of clients. He also reported that the title to the fairgrounds property and getting all of the necessary signatures is on hold.

Commissioner Allor attended a Nunda Township meeting, District No. 4 Health Board meeting, a Wilmot Township meeting, a North Country Community Mental Health meeting, an Area Agency on Aging meeting, and the Meth Lab Training sponsored through the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Allor reported that Lumberjack Park in Nunda Township and the Village of Wolverine have developed a

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recreation plan. The Health Department has concerns with regards to home health care and they are focusing in more on what should be done with the program. Commissioner Allor reported that North Country Community Mental Health is having serious financial issues with the implementation of Healthy Michigan and Medicaid cut backs. She also reported that she received phone call from a parent of a client concerned about the cut in services to the vulnerable demographic that utilizes North Country Community Mental Health services; also, that Area Agency on Aging is encouraging senior centers attendees to participate in Older Michigianians Day. Commissioner Allor stated that the Meth Lab Training was very eye-opening.

Commissioner Wallace reported that 9-1-1 operating for many years and improving as technology increases, but they are now in process of looking at reorganization of the administration of the 9-1-1 center. Recommendations will come before this Board at another time. Commissioner Wallace also reported that the Northeast Consortium has been directed by the Governor to consolidate their boards and meetings. They will be combining the Work Force Administrative Board and the Work Force Development Board into four quarterly meetings.

Commissioner Gauthier reported that he missed a NLEA meeting in Boyne City, and a NEMCSA meeting in Au Gres, because of bad roads. Commissioner Gauthier attended a Planning Commission meeting and the Meth Lab Training sponsored by the Sheriff's Department.

Commissioner Gouine attended an Inverness Township meeting.

Commissioner Matelski attended two Planning Commission meetings, a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, the Meth Lab Training sponsored by the Sheriff's Department, an Aloha and Waverly Township meeting, and a Michigan Department of Transportation meeting.

Commissioner Socha attended a Beaugrand and Hebron Township meeting, the Burt Township Budget meeting and a regular Burt Township meeting, a Pipeline Emergency Response and Damage Prevention Training in Petoskey, held annually, and the Meth Lab Training sponsored by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Socha reported that several dump sites have been recently identified and that it may be worthwhile to put people on notice for those doing road clean-up for spring to not pick up suspicious items that could harm them. Emergency management staff is compiling initial figures from flooding or freezing damage. No substantial figure for losses has been submitted yet. A tri-county emergency task force of county chair people has been developed to declare emergency if substantial flooding does breakout. Commissioner Socha addressed a publication addressing changes in law regarding school safety issues which adds requirements that emergency management officials have to follow for school drills. There is a MAC Regional Summits Sessions being held in this area in June, and she noted several relevant sessions. Commissioner Socha shared the Township Focus magazine article regarding fracking information, but emphasized counties are limited in creating ordinances and do not have general ordinance creating authority.

Commissioner Allor stated that Wilmot Township had a recent resignation by their Supervisor and they should be deciding by the next meeting who they will be appointing to that position.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Lawson presented the maintenance department bid award. The county received six bids; the lowest bid, including the plow, was from Gorno Ford Dealer out of Detroit for a total cost of \$28,917.

Commissioner Socha verified that it is county policy to go with a local bidder if it is within 5% of the lowest bid, and the next lowest bidder was 5.6% outside of the recommended bid. Administrator Lawson affirmed that it was a 5.6% difference and the recommended bid is for a 2015 model truck, versus the 2014 model truck from the local bidder.

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Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Matelski to award the bid for the new maintenance truck to Gorno Ford for the amount of \$23,587 and the new plow bid award to Scientific Brake for the amount of \$5330. Discussion was held regarding concerns with the potentially high increase in cost of repairs for new Ford vehicles made with new metals. Administrator Lawson responded that the repair issues have not generally been body work on maintenance vehicles. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Lawson presented the County Marina roof replacement bid award. The county received the lowest bid from Brown Builders, Inc. out of Cheboygan, Michigan for \$5700.

Commissioner Wallace asked if Brown Builders, Inc. is necessarily insured. Administrator Lawson affirmed.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Gouine to award the bid for the Cheboygan County Harbor Master Building re-roof project to Brown Builders, Inc. in the amount of \$5700 for the base bid and Options "A", "B", "C", and "D" to be determined if needed by staff as recommended by The Architect Forum and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the AIA Agreement A105-2007. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Lawson presented the Animal Shelter Architect bid award. The county received the lowest bid from The Architect Forum out of Cheboygan, Michigan for \$19,359.

Motion by Commissioner Gouine, seconded by Commissioner Matelski to award the bid for architect services for Phase II improvements to the Cheboygan County Animal Shelter in the amount of \$19,359 to The Architect Forum and to authorize the Chairperson to sign the AIA Agreement B101-2007 form. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Allor questioned several finance claims. Finance Director Kari Kortz clarified. Ms. Kortz explained the child placement budget issues. Commissioner Socha quoted several statistics for Cheboygan County regarding out-of-home child placement which are double the state reported averages for the same. Commissioner Socha questioned several finance claims. Finance Director Kari Kortz clarified.

Motion by Commissioner Allor, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to approve the monthly finance claims as presented, Finance = \$31,001.90 and Prepaids = \$735, 426.31. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Socha addressed corrections to be made to the March 11, 2014 Finance Business meeting minutes and the March 25, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes. Regarding the Finance Business meeting, Commissioner Socha requested to strike the sentence regarding her comment due to inaccuracies under citizens' comment. Regarding the Committee of the Whole meeting, Commissioner Socha noted there is an unfinished sentence under Administrator's Report that stops at "the". Chief Deputy Clerk/Register Libby took note of the corrections/amendments to be made.

Motion by Commissioner Allor, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to approve the Finance Business meeting minutes of March 11, 2014 as amended and to place the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of March 25, 2014 on the agenda for the May 13, 2014 Finance Business meeting. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Matelski brought attention to the letter from Carl Muscott regarding the Great Up North Initiative included in the board packet. Commissioner Matelski requested that the contents of the letter be made part of the meeting minutes. Legal counsel stated it would not be necessary to type the whole letter into the minutes. Commissioner Matelski affirmed.

Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Allor to receive and file the letter received from Carl Muscott regarding Great Up North Initiative. Discussion was held about procedures regarding

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how correspondence to the Board is included in the permanent record. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gouine stated that the local lumberyard closed on Friday.

Commissioner Socha said that according to board rules, any board member wishing to comment has a right to speak after being recognized, and that board members will not be allowed to interrupt.

Commissioner Matelski commented that he made a comment about a constituent of his at the February 25th, 2014 Committee of the Whole meeting. He stated that what he said was a throw away comment. Commissioner Matelski stated that at the March 11th Finance Business meeting, Prosecuting Attorney Daryl Vizina was present and addressed the Board regarding Commissioner Matelski's February 25th, 2014 commentary. Commissioner Matelski felt that the Prosecutor Vizina called him a coward in that exchange. Commissioner Matelski stated that he has a proposal for the Prosecutor regarding the Cop Drop as a fundraising effort for the Humane Society. Commissioner Matelski stated that he challenges the Prosecutor to leap out of an airplane with him in August at the Cop Drop. Commissioner Matelski also challenged the Prosecutor to raise \$10,000 with him for the Humane Society for Phase II of their construction remodel and present the checks to Mary Talaske, the Director of the County Animal Shelter, at the first Commissioner's meeting after the fundraiser.

Commissioner Socha asked the Commissioners to look at the information in Michigan County health rankings compiled by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She noted that Cheboygan County has good statistics for 2014. Out of 83 counties in the State of Michigan, Cheboygan ranked 10th in health outcome for the state. Commissioner Socha noted that the health factors that affect health outcome (length of life) include smoking behaviors, clinical care, and physical environment.

Kathy Morrow reminded the Board about the NLEA luncheon on Friday, April 11, 2014.

Commissioner Socha reminded the Board about the meeting with the hospital personnel on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. for an update on the hospital.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Allor to go into closed session at the request of the Administrator, an employee of Cheboygan County, pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a), to consider the periodic administrator evaluation. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Entered into Closed Session at 11:50 a.m. Returned to Open Session at 12:19 p.m.

Motion made by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Redmond to allow the County Administrator to be enrolled in the MERS Retirement Program. Discussion was made regarding the potential of a fiscal shortfall to enroll the County Administrator and mentioning his outstanding evaluation results in the motion. Board concurred to amend the motion.

Amended Motion by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Redmond that pursuant to the 2014 administrative evaluation results, it was determined to allow the County Administrator to enroll in the MERS Retirement Program and that if a shortfall should occur in that process the difference would be absorbed by the County. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Allor commented that the next MTA meeting this month is at Forest Township.

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Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Matelski to adjourn this meeting to the call of the chair. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Amber Libby
Cheboygan County Chief Deputy Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson