

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 14, 2020**

The Finance/Business Meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioner was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Commissioner Wallace at 9:30 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present

Present: Commissioners Mary Ellen Tryban, Richard Sangster, Michael Newman, Cal Gouine, Roberta Matelski, John Wallace, and Steve Warfield.

Absent: None

Commissioner Wallace gave the Invocation and Commissioner Gouine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Gouine approved the agenda adding 2020 Fair Cancellation under old business. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Tryban, second by Commissioner Matelski, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Approve Monthly Finance Claims (Finance Total = \$0; Prepaid Total = \$821,762.61.
- B. Budget Adjustments as follows:
 - 2020 Raise Revenues/Expenditures
 - 1. Fund 101 total budget increase of \$15,305.48
- C. DHHS 2019 Homemaker Agreement Amendment 1
- D. Straits Regional Ride
 - 1. COP-ESD Transportation Agreement (Afton/Tower to Onaway)
 - 2. COP-ESD Transportation Agreement (Rogers City to Onaway)
- E. 2021 Budget Process Timeline
- F. Correspondence
 - 1. Ingham County Resolution to Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis in Ingham County
 - 2. Muskegon County Resolution Statement of Support "Love Lives Here"
 - 3. Arenac County Resolution in Support of Enbridge Increasing the Safety of Our Current Energy Infrastructure
 - 4. Eaton County Resolution to Declare Racism as a Public Health Crisis
 - 5. Menominee County Resolution in Support of the 2020 Upper Peninsula State Fair
 - 6. Tuscola County Resolution in Support of Line 5
- E. Minutes:
 - 1. Finance/Business Meeting of June 9, 2020, Planning Session Meeting of June 12, 2020 and Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 23, 2020
 - 2. City Council – 5/26/2020 & 6/9/2020
 - 3. County Road Commission – 5/21/2020, 6/4/2020 & 6/18/2020
 - 4. Fair Board – 6/1/2020
 - 5. NEMCOG – 2/20/2020

6. NCCMH 5/21/20
7. Planning Commission – 5/13/2020, 5/20/2020 6/3/2020 & 6/10/2020

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Beth Bridgman citizen of Cheboygan County commented that she has lived in the County of Cheboygan for six (6) years and has lived in a lot of places in her lifetime with this County being the nicest County with the nicest people that she has lived in. She thanked the Board for their time and the dedication that they take to take care of this County. A copy of the drafted, signed and adopted Resolution 2020-04 from Tuscola County Board of Commissioners was handed out. She wanted to elicit some conversation on what could be done given the recent events and the unfolding lack of medical evidence of any serious pandemic. It is important that we regroup at the County level to offer parents, students and all county citizens a chance to uphold their civil liberties and freedoms in the face of a virus.

SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Wallace and Administrator Lawson presented Brenda Nowak with a certificate of appreciation for her 24+ years of loyal and dedicated service as Clerk, Transcriptionist, Road Patrol Officer and Court Officer with the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Clarmont presented her with a shadow box with a Distinguished Service Medal and certificate of retirement in it. She received a standing ovation from the audience. Ms. Nowak thanked the Board of Commissioners, the Sheriff and the Under Sheriff and especially her family for their support. She commented that this has been a great career; she has enjoyed it very much and plans on enjoying her family and retirement.

Cheboygan Life Support Director Dallas Hyde presented the Ambulance Millage Request. The ambulance was requesting the millage proposal to be set from 0 to .5 mills. Right now the Ambulance Service is at .25 mills of the 0 to .3 mills. Cheboygan County has never requested an amount above .25 mills. What the ambulance service is starting to notice from the run volume is that the service is getting busier and busier. Part of the problem is that there is not a full service hospital here in Cheboygan and they are doing a lot of transfers to other out of county hospitals because of their medical needs. The millage increase would be used to add another fully staffed ambulance and crew to the Indian River Station. This would help ensure EMS Crew safety while also helping maintain ambulance coverage in the county. Also to change their ambulance replacement plan from purchasing a new ambulance every 1.5 years to one (1) every year. There were seven (7) ambulances in the Cheboygan County Stations. The ambulances are in service for nine (9) years and have between 250,000 to 350,000 miles on them before they are retired. If they switch to a 1-year replacement plan, an ambulance would be seven (7) years old and have around 200,000 miles on them when they are retired. Also this would help with competitive wages.

Finance Director's Report

Finance Director Sue Buitenhuis presented the Revenue and Expenditure Report for the General Fund for the month ending May 31, 2020. She reported total year-to-date revenue of \$1,691,067.59, or 11.92%% of the budget compared to \$1,661,439.80, or 12.10% of the budget last year at this same time. Ms. Buitenhuis reported expenditures year-to-date of

\$4,902,060.48, or 34.54% of the budget, compared to \$4,699,470.74 or 34.23%, last year as of the end of May 31, 2019.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Jeff Lawson reported on the Operation Emergency Management (O.E.M.). O.E.M. cash assets will remain on hand until all final costs associated with O.E.M. are paid. Once all associated costs are paid, funds will be distributed by percentage back to each unit. Physical assets such as trailers, generators, radios, etc... have been divided based on agreement percentages and picked up by each unit. Larger value items such as pick-up trucks and communication trailer have been placed for auction. Once sold, cash assets will be distributed by agreement percentage back to each unit.

Administrator Jeff Lawson reported on the Veteran's Department. The Veterans Department will be giving their annual department report in August. To provide a process to receive feedback from Veterans concerning department services, staff is recommending that the Board of Commissioners consider the appointment of a Veterans Subcommittee. The Subcommittee could meet quarterly and could consist of representatives from the Veterans service organizations serving the County, a Board of Commissioner liaison and at large member. The subcommittee would receive information from the department concerning services and claims as well as the department's annual report, review aggregated survey responses completed by Veterans related to customer service and serve as liaison contacts between the County and service organizations to provide suggestions to the department and relay any concerns.

Commissioner Newman asked where the Board was at with this subcommittee and was Board approval needed. Administrator Lawson stated that the Board would need a motion to create a subcommittee and once it was formed, it would go to the Board Appointments and Procedures Board to recommend the candidates, which would then be brought back to the full Board for approval. Discussion was held on the structure of the subcommittee. Civil Council Bryan Graham recommended that staff prepare a proposed motion. A proposed motion to create this subcommittee should determine the number of members, the mission of this subcommittee including their roles and responsibilities. He would propose to have it all neatly done by the next meeting. It was the unanimous decision of the Board.

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the Marina Project. The Marina project is still on pause under Executive Directive 2020-3. No date has been identified when projects can proceed.

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on 2019 County Audit. The Auditors will be at the July 28, 2020 meeting to present the audits.

Administrator Jeff Lawson reported on the Straits Regional Ride Budget. The State is now requiring that Straits Regional Ride's fiscal year align with the State's fiscal year, which is October 1st to September 30th, each year. For the 2020-2021 SRR Budget, staff will provide the budget sent to MDOT as part of the County's grant funding request for budget approval by the Board in September 2020. Going forward the SRR Budget will be brought before the Board for approval as part of the process to request grant funding each year in February.

Administrator Jeff Lawson reported on the CDBG Housing Grant Public Hearing. A CDBH Housing Grant Closeout Public Hearing will be held on July 28, 2020 prior to the Board

Meeting to review project completed under CDBG Grant MSC-2015-0730-HOA Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding for Homeowner Rehabilitation Projects within the County and afford citizens an opportunity to submit comments prior to the closeout of the grant by the State.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Sangster reported that he had an in person meeting with NEMCSA where they were working on some property acquisitions and trying to figure out what to do with HEADSTART.

Commissioner Gouine reported that the 2020 Cheboygan County Fair has been cancelled and it has been advertised in the newspaper.

Commissioner Newman reported that he had done some checking and had talked with the City Manager on the Meijer's Project. In the spring, Meijer had told the citizens that they were going to demolish the buildings on the property, but COVID-19 hit. He reported that the person who owns the property adjacent to Walmart is planning on putting in a Strip Mall. The sewer and water lines are being brought down Huron Street, which they would like to extend to the Meijer's Project, if this was to happen. The city's intent was to contact Meijer to let them know while they have things tore up to see if they can continue on with their project. Also, he reported that he talked with the Grant Township Supervisor, Gil Archambo, about the Solar Farm. His contact person from Orion Renewable Energy Group stated they were anxious to get started.

Commissioner Warfield reported that he attended an in person Trailways Advisory Council meeting last Friday and they are moving forward with the Waterways Trail along the Black River, Sturgeon River and Pigeon River. Also he attended a Northern Michigan Counties Associate Meeting via telephone yesterday and there was a good deal of discussion with the 39 counties regarding the Michigan Department of Treasury's Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Sangster presented the 2020 Cheboygan County Fair Cancellation.

Motion by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Newman, to support the Cheboygan County Fair Board's decision to cancel the 2020 Cheboygan County Fair. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Jeff Lawson presented the Ambulance Millage Renewal Proposal. The area ambulance agencies currently under contract with the County are receiving funds from the 2016-19 (up to .30 mills) Ambulance Millage have requested that an Ambulance Millage renewal of up to .50 mills be place on the November 3, 2020 ballot for voter consideration. The millage request is for four (4) years and is expected to generate up to \$756,183 per year, if fully levied. This money would be for the exclusive use of ambulance services in Cheboygan County as determined by the County Commissioners.

If the millage is placed for voter consideration and approved by vote, CLSS, Emmet EMS and Onaway Area Ambulance will be required to provide updated applications to receive appropriations from the millage including financial information prior to new contracts being awarded and funds distributed.

Motion by Commissioner Gouine, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to adopt

Resolution 2020-11

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES that:

1. The following proposal, the language of which is hereby approved by the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners and certified to the Cheboygan County Clerk, shall be submitted to the electors of Cheboygan County for a vote at the November 3, 2020 General election:

Ambulance Millage Proposal

This proposal will permit the County to levy up to .50 mills for the purpose of providing funds to support ambulance services within the county in the years 2020-2023, inclusive.

Shall the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Section 6 of the Michigan Constitution on the amount of ad valorem taxes which may be levied by the County of Cheboygan, State of Michigan, against taxable property in the County be increased by up to .50 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2020 through 2023, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds to support ambulance services within the county, and shall the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners be authorized to levy such millage for this purpose? If approved and levied in its entirety, this millage would raise an estimated \$756,183 for Cheboygan County in 2020.

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

Administrator Jeff Lawson presented Resolution 2020-12 – MDOT Project Authorization Signature Resolution. Resolution 16-19 MDOT Master Agreement Resolution was approved by the Board of Commissioners in September of 2016. The Resolution approved MDOT Master Agreement No. 2017-0032, which is the five (5) year base agreement for all MDOT related agreements with the County. The Resolution also authorized the Chair of the Board of Commissioner to sign all agreements. MDOT now requires all agreements to be signed electronically. Resolution 2020-12 would also authorize the County Administrator to be able to execute and sign MDOT Agreements under the Master Agreement No. 2017-0032. This will permit the County Administrator to electronically receive, sign and return future agreements.

Motion by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Tryban, to adopt

Resolution 2020-12

MDOT PROJECT AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this resolution shall approve execution of Project Authorizations for any programs designated by the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners and/or Project Authorization for any amount determined by the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners with the Michigan Department of Transportation which are issued under Master Agreement No. 2017-0032,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Chairperson of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners as well as the Cheboygan County Administrator are authorized to enter into and execute on behalf

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of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners all such project Authorizations with the Michigan Department of Transportation for passenger transportation related services for the Agreement period.

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

Planning and Zoning Director, Michael Turisk presented the Zoning Ordinance Amendment #158. A zoning ordinance amendment imposing a moratorium that authorizes temporary relief from and authorizing temporary land uses under Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No. 200 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 24.2 of Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance #200 provides for required procedures for processing amendments to the zoning ordinance that include provisions for a public hearing to be held by the Planning Commission, requisite public notice requirements and transmittal of the Planning Commission’s recommendation to the Board of Commissioner.

Amendment #158 would impose a moratorium to provide temporary relief from and to authorize temporary land uses under the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No. 200 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the follow specific ways:

- Parking lot/sidewalk sales would be permitted as an accessory use to all permitted retail uses and in all zoning districts.
- Off-street parking spaces assigned to permitted retail, restaurant or services uses may be used to accommodate outdoor sales areas, including the use of tents or other temporary structures, or accessory and subordinate buildings, including but not limited to merchandise display areas, food and beverage sales, outdoor seating areas and transaction activities, as necessary.
- Temporary signage -- Any combination of sign types would be permitted as temporary signage with up to 100 square feet of total sign surface area permitted in addition to any permitted permanent signage.
- Mobile food units (“food trucks”) would be permitted as an accessory use on the same property as an established, permitted restaurant, including for carry out, drive in and fast food restaurants, as defined.

At the public hearing on July 1, 2020, the Planning Commissioners unanimously directed staff to forward a recommendation of approval to the Board of Commissioners. No public comments were made at the hearing. Note that Amendment #158 has been vetted by legal counsel.

Motion by Commissioner Warfield, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to adopt the

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY
Moratorium Ordinance #158**

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM
AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY RELIEF FROM AND AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY LAND USES
UNDER THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 200
IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

THE COUNTY OF CHEBOYGAN ORDAINS:

Section 1. Legislative Findings.

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The Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter the Board of Commissioners) hereby makes the following findings:

1. The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and is easily spread from person to person. There is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease.
2. On March 10, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. On that same day and on many days thereafter Governor Gretchen Whitmer has issued numerous Executive Orders for the purpose of slowing the spread of the Covid-19 virus and protecting the residents of Michigan.
3. Since the virus first appeared in Michigan, it has spread across the state, bringing deaths in the thousands, confirmed cases in the tens of thousands, and deep disruption to this state's economy, homes, and educational, civic, social, and religious institutions, including the economy and institutions within Cheboygan County.
4. The Board of Commissioners recognizes that business activities, particularly those regarding local restaurant and food services, continue to be severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and corresponding social distancing requirements. Therefore, in an effort to help ease the economic conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on local businesses and the community, Cheboygan County hereby enacts this Moratorium Ordinance that pertains to the outdoor conduct of business, the use of on-site parking and accessory structures, and the placement of temporary signage associated with business uses, as well as regulations governing mobile food units.
5. This Moratorium Ordinance is intended to provide temporary relief from and to authorize temporary land uses under the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No. 200 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and shall remain in effect until November 1, 2021, unless repealed at an earlier date or extended by the enactment of further ordinances following the procedures of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3101, *et seq*, applicable to zoning ordinance amendments.

Section 2. Moratorium; Conflicts; Time Limit.

- (a). The Board of Commissioners hereby adopts a moratorium to provide temporary relief from and to authorize temporary land uses under the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No. 200 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in the following specific ways:
 - (1). Retail uses: Parking lot/sidewalk sales shall be permitted as an accessory use to all permitted retail uses in all zoning districts. Such accessory parking lot/sidewalk sales shall require a zoning permit (informational only), per the applicable requirements of Section 21.3, as amended, at no cost to the applicant.
 - (2). Off-street parking:
 - (A). Off-street parking spaces assigned to permitted retail, restaurant or services uses may be used to accommodate outdoor sales areas including the use of tents or other temporary structures (not for recreational use) or accessory and subordinate buildings (as approved by the building inspector), including but not limited to merchandise display areas, food and beverage sales, outdoor seating areas and transaction activities, as necessary.
 - (B). A minimum of 40% of the required dedicated off-street parking area per Section 17.4, as amended, shall be maintained to provide parking for the principal use.
 - (C). The use of dedicated off-street parking as authorized under this subsection shall require a zoning permit (informational only), per the applicable requirements of Section 21.3, as amended, at no cost to the applicant.
 - (3). Temporary signage:

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(A). Except for those signs not requiring a zoning permit, per Section 17.19.2, any combination of sign types as described in Section 17.19.8 shall be permitted as temporary signage with up to 100 square feet of total additional sign surface area permitted, but no individual temporary sign surface area shall be greater than 32 square feet.

(B). Any temporary signage would be in addition to any permitted permanent signage.

(C). Any temporary signage authorized under this subsection shall require a zoning permit (informational only) per Section 21.3 at no cost to the applicant, and shall be subject to all of the following requirements:

(i). The temporary signage shall be for a permitted use.

(ii). The temporary signage shall not create a public safety hazard, including but not limited to, obstructing site lines for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

(iii). The temporary signage shall be located on the property on which the permitted business is located.

(iv). The temporary signage may be placed within a county public right-of-way subject to written approval by the Cheboygan County Road Commission, and shall not impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic and not obstruct driveways.

(v). All temporary signage shall be removed within thirty (30) days from the date of expiration or repeal of this Moratorium Ordinance.

(4). Mobile food units:

(A). Mobile food units shall be permitted as an accessory use on the same property as an established, permitted restaurant including for carry out, drive in and fast food restaurants as defined in Zoning Ordinance No. 200. Such mobile food units shall require a zoning permit (informational only) per Section 21.3, at no cost to the applicant.

(B). Mobile food units authorized under this subsection shall, in addition to compliance with the requirements and standards for mobile food units as set forth in Section 17.29 (e.g., limited to food sales; compliance with Health Department requirements) comply with the following additional requirements:

(i). The mobile food unit shall be operated in a manner that allows patrons, including those waiting to be served, to comply with all COVID-19 mitigation and social distancing requirements then in effect.

(ii). The use of a mobile food unit as authorized under this subsection shall require a zoning permit (informational only), per the applicable requirements of Section 21.3, as amended, at no cost to the applicant.

(b). During the time this Moratorium Ordinance is in effect, either as originally enacted or as extended by enactment of another ordinance, any conflict between this Moratorium Ordinance and the provisions of the Cheboygan County Zoning Ordinance No. 200 shall be controlled by this Moratorium Ordinance.

(c). The moratorium adopted under subsection (a) above shall be in effect until November 1, 2021, unless repealed at an earlier date or extended by the enactment of further ordinances following the procedures

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of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, MCL 125.3101, *et seq*, applicable to zoning ordinance amendments.

Section 3. Severability.

If any section, provision or clause of this Moratorium Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any remaining portions or application of this Moratorium Ordinance, which can be given effect without the invalid portion or application.

Section 4. Effective Date.

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

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

Sheriff Dale Clarmont presented the Federal 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). The Cheboygan County Sheriff Department submitted and was awarded a Federal 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant. This matching grant award of 54% of total costs is a federal program allowing the Cheboygan County Sheriff Department the ability to hire one (1) additional Sworn Law Enforcement Office for three (3) years with the requirement to retain the hire for one (1) additional year. The grant covers eligible costs from June 24, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Financial Impact: Total salary and benefits for three (3) years of \$231,150.44. Total Federal grants award for three (3) years \$125,000. Total County share of \$106,501.44.

Motion by Commissioner Tryban, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to approve the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department acceptance of the Federal 2020 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) grant and authorize necessary budget adjustments. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Jeff Lawson presented the Michigan Department of Treasury Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program and First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program. The Michigan Department of Treasury released grant funding applications on July 8, 2020 through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act for reimbursement of Public Safety and Public Health (PSPHRP) related payroll cost for the months of April and May 2020. The application must be submitted by July 17, 2020. The Treasury also released on a first come first serve basis grant funding applications for First Responder Hazard Premium pay (FRHPPP) up to \$1,000 per public safety employee to be submitted by September 30, 2020.

Staff will prepare and submit PSPHRP Grant application to help offset possible revenue sharing loss expected to occur in prior to the end of the County's fiscal year. FRHPPP grant will be pursued to provide First Responder Hazard Pay Premium Payment to eligible Law Enforcement and Correction Officers as defied under the program.

Commissioner Warfield commented that there were several hours of discussion from the 39 counties during the meeting yesterday with the lack of advisory from the Michigan Department of Treasury. Nobody deserves this \$1,000 check more than the first responders and he was completely in support of it, but he was also concerned with a lot of what he heard yesterday, that this money would actually come back to the county. If this money does not come from the Michigan Department of Treasury, it was not coming out of the county's account. He wanted the Sheriff to be able to go back to his employees and say that the Board of Commissioners were fully in support of this, wants them to receive this money and not disappoint them.

Sheriff Dale Clarmont commented that this hazardous duty pay has been talked about amongst law enforcement. The Michigan State Police Officers draws \$750 every two (2) weeks to the tune of approximately \$14 million every month. He stated that he approached all three (3) Sheriff Department Unions and told his officers that he would ask the County Board to apply for this grant, but should it come back denied they would not receive it. Also, should they receive this money before the deadline of September 30th and it was denied, they would have to return the money. He stated that he was not going to the taxpayers of Cheboygan County to ask them to give \$1,000 to each of them for a job that they signed up to do.

Commissioner Warfield questioned if the other two (2) County employees, Sharon Weiss-Brandau and Sara Cunningham who stepped up to the occasion and worked with his department could be included into this program.

Sheriff Clarmont stated that staff was still researching this and also if the County's Administrative Staff could be included into this program. If it was denied, the Board could take it upon themselves to approve it. He reported that there were a total of 38 employees in the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to provide authorization to the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners as well as the County Administrator to sign and submit the Michigan Department of Treasury Public Safety and Public Health (PSPHRP) grant application for reimbursement of Public Safety and Public Health employees related to payroll costs for the months of April and May 2020. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Warfield, to provide authorization to Chairman of the Board of Commissioners as well as the County Administrator to sign and submit to the Michigan Department of Treasury First Responder Hazard Premium pay (FRHPPP) grant application for Law Enforcement and Correction Officers Hazard Pay. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION - None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

John Moore Supervisor of Nunda Township commented that since there was only three (3) weeks left until the 2020 August Primary Election and questioned what the Board was planning on doing as far as helping them out with PPE at the township level. He stated that Nunda Township was small and they were going to try and limit only three (3) voters into the building at once. He stated that he didn't know if they were going to have any issues, because there have been a good number of absentee ballots returned. If a voter refuses to wear a mask, the township would bring them a ballot to be voted on the outside of the township hall.

County Clerk Karen Brewster commented that even if the voter doesn't wear a mask, they were allowed to vote. She reported that the State of Michigan was supplying PPE as far as gloves, masks, gowns, face shields and cleaning supplies and she also has been in contact with the O.E.M. Director Patrick Holt for help with PPE. Once the PPE arrives, it will be distributed to the township clerks.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Newman commented that the Grant Township solar farm is on the Planning and Zoning’s agenda for tomorrow night’s meeting. He reported that Orion Renewable Energy Group is willing to make adjustments to accommodate the neighbors and to get this done.

Commissioner Sangster commented on the Tuscola County Resolution that Beth Bridgman’s presented. He would like the Board to take a look at this and have a response put together.

Commissioner Gouine commented that he received a couple calls from citizens regarding a house located in Mullett Township that was falling down and was worried that someone was going to get hurt in it. Staff was asked to look into this.

Sheriff Clarmont commented that he took the Blight Ordinance draft to a Michigan Township Associations meeting. He stated that he proposed civil counsel’s guidance and told the townships that they would have to take the lead on this, but he offered the services of law enforcement thru the Sheriff Department. All of the townships would have to develop the same Blight Ordinance throughout the 19 townships. The only cost to the township would be if there was any overtime court costs to litigate the judicial process. There were at least 10 or 12 townships in attendance and he has already received a couple phone calls of interest. He also told the townships that he would like to institute this by the first of the year.

Motion by Commissioner Newman, seconded by Commissioner Tryban, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent. Meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m..

Karen L. Brewster
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

John B. Wallace
Chairperson Board of Commissioner