

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING
May 11, 2010**

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 Socha, Makima, Redmond, Mushlock, Page, Wallace and Bolinger

ABSENT: None

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

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

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

- A. Approve Monthly Finance Claims: Finance = \$21,527.10 – Prepaids = \$971,799.42
- B. Budget Adjustments: Inter-budget Transfer – Payroll Related Crime Victim's Rights decrease the full-time and fringe expenditure line items in department 229 and increase the full-time and fringe expenditure line items in 139 by \$4,407 and \$1,957, respectively; Raise Revenue and Expenditures County Fair as follows: Fund 561 total budget increase of \$1,250
- C. 2011 Victim Rights Application – State grant revenue totaling \$43,624
- D. 2010 County Jail Inspection Report
- E. Correspondence:
 - 1. Allegan County Resolutions to Call for the Modification of State Act 312 of 1969 and to Support Efforts to Stop the Migration of Asian Carp into Great Lakes
 - 2. Antrim County Resolution Urging Implementation of the State Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Allocation Formula
 - 3. Bay County Resolution in Support of Opposition to State Reduction of Secondary Road Patrol Funds
 - 4. Midland County Resolution in Support of the Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates, December 2009
 - 5. Oceana County Resolution in Support of Efforts to Stop the Migration of Asian Carp into Great Lakes
 - 6. St. Joseph County Resolutions in Support of Efforts to Stop the Migration of Asian Carp into Great Lakes and to Call for the Modification of State Act 312 of 1969
 - 7. NEMCOG Project Dated 4/2/10 – Intent by NEMCOG to Apply for Federal Assistance from USDA-EDA
 - 8. Cheboygan County Road Commission 2009 Annual Report
 - 9. Correspondence from Village of Wolverine dated 4/23/10 Regarding Lennox's Request for Reforms in County Government and Village Resolution in Support of Placing Cheboygan County Road Commission Countywide Road Millage Proposal on August 3, 2010 Ballot
 - 10. Correspondence Dated 4/16/10 from Mary Jo Buhr, Equipment Chairperson of North Country Animal Assisted Therapeutic Program.
 - 11. Correspondence Dated 4/9/10 Regarding State of Michigan Oil and Gas Lease Auction
- F. Minutes:
 - 1. Commissioners Finance/Business Meeting of April 13, 2010 and Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 27, 2010
 - 2. North Country Community Mental Health Board – March 18, 2010
 - 3. Health Board Meeting – March 16, 2010
 - 4. Michigan Northern Counties Association – February 15, 2010 & April 19, 2010
 - 5. NMSAS Board of Directors – March 1, 2010
 - 6. Northern Michigan Community Corrections Advisory Board – January 15, 2010
 - 7. Cheboygan County Fair Board – April 5, 2010
 - 8. Jail Utilization Committee – January 20, 2010
 - 9. Cheboygan County Housing Commission – December 23, 2009

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10. Board Appointments & Procedures Committee Meeting – April 7, 2010 & May 5, 2010
11. Cheboygan County Road Commission – March 18, 2010 & April 1, 2010
12. Cheboygan City Council – March 23, 2010 & March 26, 2010
13. Planning Commission Meeting – March 17, 2010 & April 7, 2010

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

SCHEDULED VISITORS – None

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Finance Director Kari Kortz presented the revenue and expenditures report for the General Fund for the month ended March 31, 2010. She reported total year-to-date revenue of \$725,734.55 versus \$712,608.84 last year at that time. Ms. Kortz reported expenditures year-to-date of \$2,216,523.00, or 19.81% of budget, compared to \$2,163,098.01 last year as of the end March. She reviewed the Fund Balance quarterly report and Summary of General Fund Expenses by Category, which also is a quarterly report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Redmond presented a recommendation from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee which met on May 5, 2010.

Motion, by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to accept the recommendation from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee and appoint Tom Morrish to the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board for the remainder of the term held by Scott McNeil which expires December 31, 2011. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Commissioner Redmond also reported attending a Straits Regional Ride meeting, a Benton Township meeting and the NLEA luncheon. He said pending the approval of the contract today, the electrical upgrade at the County Marina will begin Monday.

Commissioner Bolinger attended a special Health Board meeting, Community Corrections 511 meeting, the NLEA luncheon and the Forest and Walker Township meetings.

Commissioner Mushlock reported attending the Fair Board meeting and the NLEA luncheon.

Commissioner Page attended the NEMCSA meeting, the NLEA luncheon and the Aloha and Koehler Township meetings.

Commissioner Makima attended a MAC Workman's Comp meeting, the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee meeting, a Straits Regional Ride Meeting, the NLEA luncheon, and a special Health Board meeting. He said the Health Department will not patrol, but only investigate complaints regarding the new smoking law, unless there is additional state funding.

Commissioner Wallace attended the Board Appointments & Procedures meeting and the Northeast Michigan Consortium meeting in Atlanta.

Commissioner Socha attended new economy training, and was disappointed with the turnout; SIRA Title 302 Site Training; a NLEA Special meeting with Mackinac County; the NLEA luncheon, Hebron and Beaugrand Township meetings, the Planning Commission meeting, a SANE meeting, also a NEMCOG special committee meeting on collaboration of services a number of suggestions were made, but health insurance is the top issue of concern for every county. They will meet on June 11 with an insurance representative on forming a health insurance pool with other counties. She said at the NLEA luncheon she heard MERIT would like to meet with the county regarding second grant. She also reported a possibility of the County joining NWMCOG as well as NEMCOG. Commissioner Makima said Emmet county belongs to both groups.

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OLD BUSINESS

Maintenance Director Tim Mason presented, as requested, the estimated cost to the County for the use of the fairgrounds by the Cheboygan County Trail Blazers Grooming Club for the Vintage Snowmobile Races. The proceeds from the event were \$4,771.25 of which the County's share, based on the previously agreed to split of 75/25% would be \$1,192.82. He said the cost to the County for cleanup of the track and grounds, electricity and garbage removal totaled approximately \$500. The Trail Blazers requested reconsideration on this since a lack of snow added to the cost of the event.

Motion by Commissioner Page, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to allow a reduction in the agreement split for the Vintage Snowmobile Race to an amount of \$500. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Maintenance Director Tim Mason presented six contracts relative to fair events for board approval. He said four of the contracts were approved in previous years. The new ones are Brittany Wimpee, a Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus impersonator, and Jessie Brown, a new upcoming country music singer.

Motion by Commissioner Mushlock, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the contract and the 2010 Addendum to Exhibitor Contract between Michigan Horsepulling Association and the Cheboygan County Fair Board for the event scheduled August 10, 2010 and authorize the chairperson to sign; to approve the contract agreement between the Herrmann's Original Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Austria and the Cheboygan County Fair Board and the 2010 Addendum to Exhibitor Contract for the event scheduled July 23 & 24, 2010 and possibly July 25, 2010 and authorize the chairperson to sign; to approve the exhibitor contract between Brittany Wimpee and the Cheboygan County Fair Board and the 2010 Addendum to Exhibitor Contract for the event scheduled August 9, 2010 and authorize the chairperson to sign; to approve the services agreement and the 2010 Addendum to Exhibitor Contract between Jessie Brown Entertainment and the Cheboygan County Fair Board for the event scheduled for August 9, 2010 and authorize the chairperson to sign; to approve the contract agreement and the 2010 Addendum to Exhibitor Contract between Thumb Tractor Pulling Association, Inc. and the Cheboygan County Fair Board for the event scheduled for August 13, 2010 and authorize the chairperson to sign; and to approve the contract agreement and 2010 Addendum to Exhibitor Contract between EUP Antique Equipment Association and the Cheboygan County Fair Board for the event scheduled for August 8, 2010 and authorize the chairperson to sign. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Straits Regional Ride Director Mike Couture presented transportation agreement with the Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational School District. This service has been provided since 2002 and this year's agreement reflects a 3% increase from \$13,633.03 to \$14,036.87 to be paid on or before June 30, 2010.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to approve the summer school contract between Cheboygan County, on behalf of Straits Regional Ride, and the Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational School District and authorize the chairperson to sign. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Mr. Couture presented MDOT Project Authorization 2007-0191/Z15 FY 2010 Federal Operating funds to operate Straits Regional Ride. He said this year the federal appropriations for public transportation are not complete to date again, so only a portion of the money is currently available. The rate for 2010 will be 16% of eligible expenses; currently only \$67,949 has been award of the \$137,038 requested. The financial impact to the county would be \$69,089 until reimbursed by federal appropriations.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock, to accept MDOT Project Authorization FY 2010 Section 5311 Operating, Agreement No. 2007-0191, Authorization No. Z/15, Project No. 109897 and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

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Harbormaster Curtis Chambers presented a bid for emergency electrical repairs at the County Marina. He said of the two bids received, J. Rank was the lowest bidder at \$130,850. The bid was reviewed by the DNRE and UDA and both agree J. Rank is a qualified and bondable company.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Page, to accept the bid from J. Rank in the amount of \$130,850 for emergency repairs to the Cheboygan County Marina and authorize the chairperson to sign. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Overton presented Resolution 17 of 2010 Senior Citizens Services Millage proposal, which would allow placement the proposal on the August 3, 2010 Primary ballot. He said if passed the millage would general approximately \$668,000 annually. These moneys are primarily used by Cheboygan County Council on Aging and the Wawatam Area Senior Citizens organization to provide meals, transportation assistance, home care services, etc. in Cheboygan County.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Page, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution No. 17 of 2010

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR A MILLAGE PROPOSITION TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES AND TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSITION TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE AUGUST 3, 2010 PRIMARY ELECTION

Recitals

- A. Act 39 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended, expressly authorizes the Board of Commissioners for the County of Cheboygan to appropriate funds for the purpose of providing services to the older persons, being individuals sixty (60) years of age or older, within the County.
- B. The County of Cheboygan currently provides funds for services for senior citizens within the county.
- C. The funds to provide these services for senior citizens were provided in part by a millage of .49 mills previously approved by the county electors.
- D. The millage previously approved by the county electors expired in December, 2009.
- E. The Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, therefore, desires to obtain voter approval for .5 mills to provide funds for senior citizen services within the county.
- F. Because a county-wide primary election is scheduled on August 3, 2010, the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners finds it appropriate to submit this millage proposition to the electorate at this primary election.

Resolution

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

- 1. The following proposition, 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 August 3, 2010 primary election:

BALLOT LANGUAGE

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

This proposal will permit the County to levy up to .5 mills for the purpose of providing funds for senior citizen services within the county in the years 2010-2013, 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 .5 mills (\$.50 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four (4) years, 2010 through 2013, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for senior citizen 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 \$668,839 for Cheboygan County in 2010.

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

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County Treasurer Linda Cronan, on behalf of the County Tax Allocation Board, presented a petition and resolution to place a proposal to establish separate tax limitation millage rates on the August Primary ballot. The proposal was approved by the voters in 2006 and expires with the 2010 tax levy. Discussion was held.

Motion by Commissioner Mushlock, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 10-18

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT THE QUESTION OF PROVIDING SEPARATE TAX LIMITATIONS TO THE REGISTERED AND QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CHEBOYGAN COUNTY AT THE AUGUST 3, 2010 STATE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Recitals

- A. Article 9, § 6 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 provides that separate tax limitations for the county and for the townships and intermediate school districts within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 18 mills, may be adopted by the vote of the majority of the qualified electors of the county.
- B. Section 5c of the state Property Tax Limitation Act, being MCL 211.205c, provides that a petition to submit separate tax limitations to the electors of the county may be initiated by a resolution of the County Tax Allocation Board.
- C. The County Tax Allocation Board has submitted a petition requesting that the question of establishing separate tax limitation millage rates for the county and for the townships and intermediate school district within the county be submitted to the voters of the county.
- D. The state general primary election scheduled on August 3, 2010 will be held more than 49 days from the date this resolution is adopted.

Resolution

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

- 1. The following proposition, 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 registered and qualified electors of Cheboygan County at the August 3, 2010 state general primary election:

Shall separate tax limitations be established for a period of four (4) years, 2011 through 2014, inclusive, for the County of Cheboygan and the townships and intermediate school district within the county, the aggregate of which shall not exceed seven (7) mills as follows:

County of Cheboygan	5.74 mills
Townships within the County	1.00 mills
COP Education Service District, f/k/a	
COP Intermediate School District	<u>.26 mills</u>
TOTAL	7.0 mills

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Page) and 0 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Nunda Township Supervisor John Moore commented on the present situation at the Road Commission regarding the Manager/Engineer’s contract extension. He said the Mr. Houlton has inquire about an extension of his contract, but the Board has refused to discuss the matter at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Commissioner Wallace said the Tuscarora Township Supervisor has concerns with the Road Commission as well. He said the Tuscarora Township Board sent a letter in support of extending the contract for the Manager/Engineer. Chairperson Socha said she believes it is wrong for this board to interfere as the Road Commission is an elected board, and the management is under their realm. Several other commissioners voiced a similar point of view.

Chairperson Socha said after implementing the County Controller form of administration, this board thoroughly studied the Administrator type of county government. She said counties without some type of central administration are experiencing problems and lawsuits regarding personnel issue.

Commissioner Bolinger stated the need to remember public safety and public health first and foremost.

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Commissioner Wallace said the annual Tri-County 9-1-1 meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2010 at 2 p.m. at the Headlands near Mackinaw City. He said our 9-1-1 center is a model for the whole country and the geographical area is larger than the state of Rhode Island.

Chairperson Socha said the county was well represented at the NLEA luncheon.

Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson