

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING
February 11, 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 Gouine, seconded by Commissioner Tryban, to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Sangster, second by Commissioner Tryban, to approve the consent agenda as amended moving Item No. G.1. Kalkaska County Resolution in Support of 4 Year Commissioner Terms and adding it to New Business 12. C..

- A. Approve Monthly Finance Claims (Finance Total =\$0; Prepaid Total = \$2,295,426.51).
- B. Budget Adjustments as follows:
2019 Raise Revenues/Expenditure:
 - 1. Fund 588 total budget increase of \$45,290
- C. Investment Report
- D. Indigent Defense Compliance Plan-Grant Agreement
- E. SRR-2021 MDOT Annual Application – Resolution #20-02
- F. Fairground Event Agreements:
 - 1. Cheboygan 4-H – MSU-E
 - 2. Animal Shelter – Garage Sale
 - 3. Cheboygan Conservation District
- G. Correspondence
 - 1. ~~Kalkaska County Resolution in Support of 4 Year Commissioner Terms~~
 - 2. Mackinaw County Resolution to be a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County
 - 3. Marquette County Resolution in Support of Second Amendment
 - 4. Menominee County Resolution Requesting the Great Lakes Shoreline be Declared a Disaster Area and Seeking Assistance
 - 5. Oscoda County Resolution Declaring to be a Second Amendment Sanctuary County
 - 6. Sanilac County Resolution Affirming the 2nd Amendment
 - 7. Antrim County Board of Commissioners Resolution Affirming the Board's Support of Constitutional Rights
- H. Minutes:
 - 1. Organizational Finance/Business Meeting 1/14/20 & Committee of the Whole Meeting 1/28/20
 - 2. NCCMH – 12/19/19

3. Cheboygan County Fair Board – 1/6/20
4. District Health Dept. – 12/17/19
5. Cheboygan County Road Commission – 1/2/20 & Organizational Meeting 1/2/20
6. NEMCOG – 12/19/19
7. NEMCSA – 12/6/19
8. Planning Commission – 12/18/19 & 1/15/20

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

Special Agent, Jay Yerges, Wisconsin Department of Justice Homicide and retired Lieutenant Tom Baudhuin, Sturgeon Bay Police Department was here to honor three members from the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department for their assistance in an investigation leading to the arrest of Richard G. Pierce 43 years later whose wife disappeared from Door County, Wisconsin in 1975 and believed the victim's remains were later transported to private property in Cheboygan County. The case was reopened in 2004 with the assistance of Undersheriff Tim Cook where the case was able to progress to the point of obtaining a search warrant in 2018 for the Cheboygan property. With the assistance of Sheriff Deputy Ron Fenlon and Lieutenant Todd Ross, they were able to execute that search warrant. The Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department hit it out of the park, delivered promptly, with great professionalism and courtesy. Awards were given to Deputy Ron Fenlon, Lieutenant Todd Ross and Sheriff Dale Clarmont for their selfless and outstanding law enforcement services toward their joint pursuit of truth and justice in the Carol Jean Fillion Pierce death investigation. These officers will forever be remembered by the Fillion family, the Sturgeon Bay community and the State of Wisconsin during the period of October 2018. Undersheriff Tim Cook was also recognized for his contributions and he received a similar plaque a few years ago. Sturgeon Bay Police Chief Arleigh Porter also joined in at the meeting via video chat, to thank the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department for everything they did to help with the investigation. The suspect is now awaiting trial in Wisconsin.

Chief Executive Officer, Christine Gebhard, North Country Community Mental Health commented on the Stepping Up Resolution. Stepping Up is a nationwide initiative that is designed to help communities come together and bring their stakeholders together to form a consensus around how they want to proceed to meeting the local need within each county regarding mental illness. NCCMH has been fortunate in the State of Michigan to have funded Wayne State University's center for Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health, to provide technical assistance to counties. NCCMH was hoping to tap into those resources. In the past year, NCCMH has done this with Charlevoix County and created a diversion council of these stakeholders, which involves, of course, county commissioners, prosecutor's office, sheriff's department, district judges and other key stakeholders. The idea of this council is to figure out how to divert people from the criminal justice system, or jail, when they are largely in need of behavior health services or substance abuse counseling. The goal is to have the six counties that NCCMH covers to have the resolution of support for the Stepping Up Initiative passed, so to look at regional entities. Ms. Gebhard was particularly interested in Cheboygan, Emmet and Charlevoix counties because they were in the process of deciding on jail management software, which would be able to work with collecting data and having meaningful information in these three counties in Northern Michigan. Sheriff Clarmont commented that this wasn't just a Cheboygan County, Emmet County, Charlevoix County issue, this was a national problem. The Cheboygan County Jail recently approved a new provider for the jail management software,

which allows the jail to communicate with the other counties, such as information regarding individuals who may have mental health issues. This new software needs to be approved by the executive board before it can be put in place.

CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chairman Wallace and Administrator Lawson presented a certificate of appreciation to James Manko for his 11 years of service with Cheboygan County. Mr. Manko stated that he was grateful and humble to receive this certificate of appreciation for his service for Cheboygan County.

Finance Director's Report

Finance Director James Manko stated that there would be no General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Report for December 31, 2019. It would be presented after the audit is received in June because the 2019 year-end adjustments were still being posted. Also the Cash Summary by Fund Cash and Investment Report for December 2019 would not be presented as the 2019 adjusting entries were still being posted and beginning cash balances could be affected. Mr. Manko reported on the summarization of all budget adjustments posted from July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and addressed certain significant line items.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on Vehicle Purchases. Staff has received five (5) local bids for vehicle purchases and will have a recommendation for the Board at the next meeting.

Administrator Jeff Lawson gave an update on the Finance Director Posting. Staff has posted an ad on MAC; MML; GOFA of Michigan and will be placing an ad in the CPA today.

Administrator Jeff Lawson reminded the Board of Commissioners about the MAC Legislative Conference scheduled for April 15 – 17th, 2020 at the Radisson Hotel and Lansing Center in downtown Lansing. Board members, who are interested, please get with Kathy for more information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Wallace commented on the two (2) handouts he provided regarding the Great Lakes Tunnel Update – February 6, 2020 and the Invitation – 2020 MI Pipeline Safety Training scheduled for March 16, 2020 at the Odawa Casino Resort in Petoskey, Michigan.

Commissioner Sangster attended a NEMCSA meeting with topics on weatherization and the Walk for Warmth with the United Way, which is coming up in a couple weeks. If anyone is asked to contribute, please do so.

Commissioner Gouine commented that he was disappointed with the Planning Commission Meeting he attended on their decision on signs. A half hour power point presentation was given on why we needed signs and when the Board got to the decision of whether or not a variance was going to be granted, it was tabled. Discussion was held by the Board of Commissioners on the sign ordinance. Administrator Lawson stated he was going to talk with staff to understand what was discussed. Commissioner Wallace commented that this Board was committed to economic development and look favorably at business retention. Commissioner Gouine stated most of the county visitors during the summer were only here for a couple weeks out of the year and it was important to have signage.

Commissioner Newman attended his usual meetings and had nothing to report.

Commissioner Matelski attended an Area Agency on Aging Meeting and stated there were a lot of aging program available such as Medicaid/Medicare Assistance Program; In-Home Services; Congregate Meals; Adult Day Care Services; Legal Services; Care Management; Diabetes Personal Action Toward Health; Chronic Pain Self-Management Program; A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls and many more.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Wallace presented Cheboygan County Resolution #20-03 – Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails. Through “Stepping Up”, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

Motion by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to approve the following resolution and authorize the Chair to sign.

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY

STEPPING UP INITIATIVE

R E S O L U T I O N #20-03

“Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails” February 11, 2020

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population; and

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and

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WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County fully supports the concept of the *Stepping Up* initiative; and

WHEREAS, through *Stepping Up*, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in my state and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in *Stepping Up*. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through *Stepping Up* to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.
 - Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels.
 - Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community.
 - Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers.
 - Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan.
 - Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes.
- PASSED AND APPROVED on this 11th day of February, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, the National Association of Counties, the Michigan Association of Counties, and members of our State and Federal leadership.

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

Sheriff Dale Clarmont presented the Cheboygan County Sheriff Department 2020 Tahoe Vehicle Purchase. The Cheboygan County Sheriff Department is requesting the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of the last of the three budgeted patrol vehicles for 2020.

Motion by Commissioner Warfield, seconded by Commissioner Sangster, to approve the purchase of one (1) Chevy Tahoe PPV Police vehicle from Berger Chevrolet, Inc., Grand Rapids, MI from the approved 2020 Budget line item #101-301-977.60 and authorize the necessary budget adjustments. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Sheriff Dale Clarmont gave an update on an attempted murder case that had happened in Inverness Township over the weekend. The victims were transported to McLaren Hospital in Petoskey for emergency surgery. The suspect was been taken into custody and should be arraigned in the next couple of days. He reported there were no injuries to law enforcement and thanked the local police departments; the SWAT Team; Michigan State Police Fugitive Team; the State Police Emergency Response Team, State Police; the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; GIS Technician Sharon Weiss; the Cheboygan County Road Commission; Lieutenant Brege and Charlie Brown.

Commissioner Newman asked the County Clerk to read the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioner's Resolution 2019-56 in Support of 4 Year Commissioner Terms. County Clerk Karen Brewster read the resolution. Commissioner Newman stated that there were several points in this resolution that bring to mind the reason of having four (4) year terms for County Commissioners. Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provide for exclusively two-year terms and a newly elected commissioner has only one (1) year to get to know the place before re-election. He stated that he has talked with some of the legislators and this was progressing through the house and the senate, but the holdup right now seems to be whether they want to have it held in the presidential year or the off year. He requested that this Board of Commissioners adopt a resolution in support. It was a unanimous decision by the Board of Commissioners to have staff prepare a resolution to be presented at the next meeting.

BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION - None

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Treasurer Buffy Weldon commented that she has enjoyed working with James over the years and she was sad to see him go, but she wished him well in his new position.

Sheriff Clarmont wished James good luck.

Commissioner Tryban thanked James for his dedication and hard work while employed here and she hated to see him leave.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS - None

Motion by Commissioner Sangster, seconded by Commissioner Gouine, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent. Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Karen L. Brewster
County Clerk/Register

John B. Wallace
Chairperson Board of Commissioner