

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Chairperson Pete Redmond at 9:30 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

**Present:** Commissioners Chris Brown, 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.

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

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Stephanie Jacobsen, a citizen of Inverness Township, addressed the Board in opposition to the State ballot proposal being voted on in May 2015.

Dana Carver, a citizen of Forest Township, also addressed the Board about the importance of the U. S. Constitution.

**SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chairperson of the Cheboygan County Road Commission James Johnson introduced the new Road Commission Manager, Brent Shank. Mr. Shank stated he worked for the Emmet County Road Commission for 18 years. He said he is looking forward to upcoming road improvement projects, noting some of the roads in the county that will be worked on this summer. Road Commissioner Ken Paquet said road commissions in the state are in need of additional state funding. He said the roads that will be improved with the millage that was approved by voters last year are spread throughout the county.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Lawson reported on several projects. He reported that Dave Berg has been selected as the new IT Director for Cheboygan County.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sheriff Dale Clarmont presented the Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation 2015 Loss Prevention Grant Applications #1 to replace 20 bulletproof vests and #2 to replace ergonomic chairs in the Sheriff's Department. Neither grant requires a match.

**Motion** by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Gouine to approve submission of the 2015 Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Loss Prevention Grant Application in the amount of \$13,920 and authorize the Chairperson to sign any required documentation and also authorize the necessary budget adjustments if the grant is awarded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Gauthier, seconded by Commissioner Brown to approve submission of the 2015 Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Loss Prevention Grant Application in the amount of

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\$1,395 and authorize the Chairperson to sign any required documentation and also authorize the necessary budget adjustments if the grant is awarded. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Administrator Lawson presented the Ambulance Millage Appropriation Agreement with Emmet County. Discussion was held regarding the language in Section 4 pertaining to the amount of tax millage revenue.

**Motion** by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Allor to approve the Ambulance Millage Appropriation Agreement with the County of Emmet beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2016 and authorize the Chairperson to sign. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Sheriff Dale Clarmont presented the 2015 State of Michigan Marine Safety Program Grant Application. Discussion was held.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Gauthier to submit the 2015 State of Michigan Marine Safety Program Grant and authorize the Sheriff to sign the necessary grant documents and also authorize the necessary budget adjustments contingent on being awarded the equipment grant. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Wallace suggested the Board schedule a planning session. Commissioner Redmond stated that Board training is being looked. He stated a planning session then would be scheduled.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Dana Carver, a citizen of Forest Township, commented on the Road Commission Manager's comment about the road funding.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Wallace commented that C.C.E. is going forward with construction of a communication tower in Mackinaw City.

Commissioner Matelski commented that the state proposal should have directly addressed road funding rather than an increase to the state sales tax rather than being tied together as a package.

Commissioner Brown commented that Beaugrand Township has citizens concerned with the limited recycling program at the Fairgrounds and not receiving a response to telephone messages left. .

Commissioner Gauthier stated that he would look forward to a strategic board planning session.

**Motion** by Commissioner Matelski, seconded by Commissioner Wallace to adjourn the meeting to the call of the chair at 10:27 a.m. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

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Mary Ellen Tryban  
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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Peter Redmond  
Chairperson