

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 5, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk/Register Mary Ellen Tryban at 9:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the County Building. Roll called and a quorum present.

**Present:** Commissioners Socha, Makima, Redmond, Mushlock, Page, Wallace and Bolinger.

**Absent:** None

The Oaths of Office were administered to all Commissioners by Clerk Tryban.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Bolinger, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Wallace.

Discussion was held regarding the term of Board Chairperson, which is set at two years by state statute. According to Civil Counsel the board could adopt a resolution to set the term of the Board Chairperson at one year. Chairperson Socha pointed out that the term for the Vice-Chairperson is not set at two years by statute, so therefore is a one year term.

**Motion** by Commissioner Bolinger, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to adopt the following resolution:

**Resolution No. 09-01**

**ESTABLISHING TERM OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
OF THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Recitals**

A. MCL 46.3 provides in part: "The chairperson [of the board of commissioners] shall be elected each odd numbered year for a 2-year term, unless the county board of commissioners provides by resolution that the chairperson shall be elected annually for a 1-year term.

B. The Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners desires to exercise the authority granted under MCL 46.3 to establish the term of office for the chairperson of the board of commissioners to be one (1) year pursuant to this resolution.

**Resolution**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to the authority granted under MCL 46.3, the term of office for the chairperson of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners shall be one (1) year, beginning after his or her election by the board of commissioners at the organizational meeting each year and ending December 31 in the year elected.

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

Clerk Tryban asked for nominations for Board Chairperson. Commissioner Mushlock nominated Linda Socha for Board Chairperson, supported by Commissioner Bolinger. Clerk Tryban asked for additional nominations. None were received.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Linda Socha for Board Chairperson. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 absent.

Commissioner Socha was seated as the 2009 Board Chairperson. She thanked everyone for the honor of being reelected chair. Commissioner Bolinger thanked Chairperson Socha for her leadership.

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Chairperson Socha requested nominations for Vice Chairperson. Pete Redmond was nominated for Vice Chairperson by Commissioner Bolinger, supported by Commissioner Mushlock. Chairperson Socha asked for additional nominations. None were received.

**Motion** by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Pete Redmond for Board Vice Chairperson. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no, and 0 absent.

Chairperson Socha read the county's mission and vision statements.

**Motion** by Commissioner Makima, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock, to reaffirm the Board's Mission Statement and Vision Statement. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Chairperson Socha presented a list of standing committees, after some discussion and minor changes the following is a list of 2009 Committees:

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#### 2009 COMMITTEES

511 Board (PA 511)	Bolinger
911 Board (CCE)	Wallace (Socha, alternate)
Airport Authority	Socha, (Redmond, alternate) <i>Liaison</i>
Ambulance Board	Wallace *Redmond, Makima, Wallace (Mushlock, alternate)
Board Appointments & Procedures	Page <i>Liaison</i>
Council on Aging/Senior Citizen (Local & District)	Bolinger, Makima (Socha, Redmond, alternates)
District #4 Health Board	Redmond, Socha, Wallace <i>Liaisons</i>
Economic Development (EDC)	Mushlock (Makima, alternate) <i>Liaison</i>
Fair Board	Socha
EFSP	Mushlock <i>Fiscal Liaison</i>
Financial	Mushlock <i>Liaison</i>
Housing Commission	Page <i>Liaison</i>
Humane Society Board	Socha, Redmond, Mushlock, Makima (alt.)
Intergovernmental Council	(Roundtable)
Jail Utilization Committee	Bolinger, Wallace (Roundtable)
LEPC	*Socha, Bolinger
MAC Judicial	Bolinger
MAC Workers Compensation Board	Makima
MI Northern Counties Association	Bolinger, Makima
MSU Extension Council	Page
Millage Appropriation Committee	*Wallace, Mushlock, Page
North Country Mental Health Board	Mushlock
NEMCOG	Bolinger, Makima
NEMCSA	Page
NCCIPC	Socha, Redmond
NLEA	Socha
NMSAS Board	Wallace

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Northeast MI Consortium Board Office of Emergency Mngt Board of Directors	Page, Wallace Socha (Wallace,alternate)
Pigeon River Advisory Council	Bolinger
Planning Commission	Socha <i>Liaison</i>
Plat Board	Socha
Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op	Socha <i>Liaison</i>
RC & D Council	Bolinger ( <i>Representative</i> )
Remonumentation	Socha <i>Liaison</i>
Road Commission	Makima <i>Liaison</i>
Safety (W. Comp Board Related)	Makima
SANE	Socha (Wallace, alternate)
Soil Conservation	Mushlock <i>Liaison</i>
Straits Area Regional Ride	Redmond, Makima
Tax Allocation Board	Mushlock
Trailways Advisory Council	Redmond, Page (Socha, alternate)
Waterways Commission	Redmond, Page
Zoning Board of Appeals	Socha <i>Liaison</i>

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\*Denotes Committee Chair

Commissioner Bolinger was appointed to do the Invocation and Commissioner Wallace to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairperson Socha noted that the Finance Committee required by statute is the entire board, and appointed Commissioner Mushlock as Chief Fiscal Officer. Chairperson Socha encouraged all commissioners to attend meetings of Boards and Committees other than those specifically assigned to them throughout the year.

Chairperson Socha said the board would continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, with the exception of the Finance/Business meeting in February, which will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 due to the MAC Conference. Commissioner Wallace said the annual Tri-County Board meeting most likely would be on May 19, 2009.

**Motion** by Commissioner Bolinger, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock, to adopt the 2009 meeting dates on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month with the February Finance/Business meeting changed to Wednesday, February 11, 2009 due to the M.A.C. Conference and with the addition of the annual Tri-County Board meeting on May 19, 2009. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

Chairperson Socha said two different draft copies of revised Rules of Order prepared by Civil Counsel were included in the packet, and referred specifically to the set that sets the term of the chairperson and vice-chairperson at one year. She said changes in red and green were recommendations from civil counsel; changes in yellow were suggested by her. Discussion held on the public comment portion of the meetings. Chairperson Socha said the first public comment has been limited, but the second public comment section at the Finance/Business does not currently state a time limit. She referred to the Guide to County Government as to public comment. She said the Committee of the Whole meeting public comment has been left unlimited. Chairperson Socha said without information provide to enable a decision, the no item will be placed on the agenda as an action item, but could be presented under public comment. Commissioner Wallace said the agenda should not go out without approval by the Board Chairperson. Chairperson Socha she has approved most agendas. Commissioner Wallace questioned why the process to move a meeting to a different location if the

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room is too full is not in the Rules of Order. The County Administrator will check with civil counsel on the proper procedure for moving the place of a meeting if the room cannot accommodate all in attendance. Commissioner Wallace also questioned why committee meetings are subject to the open meetings act when a quorum of the board is not in attendance. Discussion held, Chairperson Socha said partly it's in the spirit of openness. Commissioner Page suggested a statement be posted to advise the public of their rights as citizens at board of commissioners' meetings. Chairperson Socha said posting a statement on the website would be good, but perhaps an explanation could be stated at the beginning of each meeting. Administrator Overton said a pamphlet pertaining to the procedural process of participation by citizens at commissioner meetings would be helpful. He said this matter could be discussed further at a Committee of the Whole meeting after speaking with civil counsel.

**Motion** by Commissioner Bolinger, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to adopt the 2009 Rules of Order as presented with specific questions to be addressed with civil counsel by the county administrator. Motion carried with 6 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Wallace) and 0 absent.

Chairperson Socha said at least two roundtable meetings with the other elected officials will be held again this year. She directed Kathy Morrow to arrange for the first meeting towards the end of January; and welcomed new prosecutor, Daryl Vizina, in the audience.

County Treasurer Linda Cronan presented two resolutions and the County Investment Policy for adoption. She said it has been her practice to renew these resolutions and policy every two years.

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

**RESOLUTION 09-02  
DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION  
FOR CHEBOYGAN COUNTY**

WHEREAS, under the laws of the State of Michigan, Act No. 40 of the Michigan Public Acts of 1932, 1<sup>st</sup> Extra Session, as amended (MCL 129.12), this Board is required to provide, by resolution, for the deposit of all public monies, including tax monies, belonging to, or held for, the State, County or other political units coming into the hands of the County Treasurer, in one or more banks, savings and loan associations or credit unions within the State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that: the Board of Commissioners of Cheboygan County hereby directs the Cheboygan County Treasurer to deposit all public monies, including monies and funds held for the State Board of Escheats or missing heirs, coming into the hands of the County Treasurer in any bank, savings and loan association or credit union within the State which is a legal depository as defined by State and/or Federal law.

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

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

**Resolution 09-03  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS  
AND APPROVING COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 20 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1943, as amended, ("Act 20") the Board of Commissioners of the County of Cheboygan may authorize the County Treasurer to invest County Funds in certain investments; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to authorize such investments as are permitted by Act 20; and

WHEREAS, section 5 of Act 20 requires this Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the County Treasurer to adopt an investment policy which complies with the provisions of Act 20; and

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WHEREAS, the County Treasurer has submitted a proposed Investment policy which complies with provisions of Act 20.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF CHEBOYGAN as follows:

1. The County Treasurer is authorized to invest funds of the County of Cheboygan in investments authorized by Act 20.
2. The Investment Policy attached hereto as Appendix 1 is approved and shall take effect on January 1, 2009.
3. Before executing an order to purchase or trade the funds of the County of Cheboygan, a financial intermediary, broker or dealer shall be provided with a copy of the County's Investment Policy and shall acknowledge receipt of the Investment Policy and agree to comply with the terms of the Investment Policy regarding the buying or selling of securities by executing the form attached as Appendix 2.
4. The County Treasurer is authorized to rely on the continuing effect of this resolution until and unless it is specifically amended or rescinded by a future resolution of the Board of Commissioners.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
6. A vote on the foregoing resolution was taken and was as follows:

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

**Motion** by Commissioner Bolinger, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to reappoint Honorable Robert Butts and Honorable Scott L. Pavlich; and appoint Honorable Maria Barton to the Community Corrections Advisory Board for one year terms expiring January 2010. Motion carried with 7 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

**Motion** by Commissioner Mushlock, supported by Commissioner Redmond, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Mary Ellen Tryban  
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

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Linda Socha  
Chairperson