

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING
February 14, 2007**

The meeting 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, and Bolinger

ABSENT: Commissioner Wallace (excused)

Chairperson Socha advised that Commissioner Wallace would not be in attendance as he has been hospitalized.

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

Motion by Commissioner Makima, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Mushlock, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, consisting of the following items:

- A. Minutes of January 9, 2007 Finance/Business Meeting, and January 23, 2007 Committee of the Whole Meeting
- B. Approve Monthly Finance Claims
- C. Budget Adjustments:
 - For 2006 Fiscal Year – Inter-budget transfer from contingency in the amount of \$270 to 101-212-863.12; Inter-budget transfer of funds from contingency to Year End Salary Adjustment line items ending in 722.00 due to recording accrued payroll as of 12/13/06
 - For 2006 Fiscal Year – Raise Revenues and Expenditures:
 - Fund 101 total budget increase of \$354.66
 - Fund 283 total budget increase of \$10,323.78
 - Fund 292 total budget increase of \$16,179.10
 - Fund 351 total budget increase of \$25,610.21
 - For 2007 Fiscal Year – Raise Revenues and Expenditures:
 - Fund 101 total budget increase of \$1,895.00
 - For 2006 Fiscal Year – Inter-budget transfers
 - Multiple Funds related to payroll line items
 - Fund 101 Sheriff's Department Gas line item
 - For 2007 Fiscal Year- Inter-budget transfers
 - SAYPA – Fund 276
 - Straits Regional Ride – Fund 588
- D. Treasurer's Investment Report
- E. Communications:
 1. John Kling – Letter of Resignation as Assistant Manager of Cheboygan County Fair
 2. Don Horrocks – Letter of Resignation as Manager of Cheboygan County Fair
 3. Lenawee County Resolution in Support of Adequate State Regulations for CAFOs
 4. Livingston County Resolution Urging Legislature to Freeze Taxable Values on Residential Properties
 5. North Country Community Mental Health Board minutes of November 16, 2006 & December 21, 2006
 6. Health Board minutes of December 19, 2006
 7. Michigan Northern Counties Association minutes of December 4, 2006
 8. C.C.E. 9-1-1: 2007 Meeting Schedule; Monthly Financial Report – December 2006; Central Dispatch Authority Board of Directors minutes of December 6, 2006
Technical Advisory Committee minutes of December 12, 2006
 9. Cheboygan County Housing Minutes of December 20, 2006 & 2006 Annual

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Housing Report

10. Board Appointments & Procedures Committee minutes of February 7, 2007
11. Cheboygan County Road Commission minutes of December 21, 2006, January 4, 2007 & January 18, 2007
12. Cheboygan City Council minutes of December 26, 2006 & January 9, 2007
13. Planning Commission minutes of December 20, 2006, January 3, 2007 & January 17, 2007
14. ZBA minutes of December 19, 2006

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

SCHEDULED VISITORS – Sheriff Clarmont recognized Sally Ruxton with a letter of appreciation for service on the Victims Services Unit since its conception in 2002. Chairperson Socha expressed appreciation Ms. Ruxton on behalf of the board of commissioners and the citizens of the county. Sheriff Clarmont recognized several other members of the VSU who were present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Redmond reported that the Board Appointments & Procedures committee would be presenting job descriptions for the county board, appointed boards, committees, and authorities at the next Committee of the Whole meeting. He said the Tax Allocation Board appointment was not addressed as the passage of the separate tax limitations proposal eliminates the need for that Board. He presented recommendations from the committee on the appointment of an alternate on the Recycling Committee and on the 2007 salary for the county administrator. The salary recommendation is based on salary comparables.

Motion by Commissioner Bolinger, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock, to accept the recommendation from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee and appoint Charles Beebe as an alternate for Ellis Township on the Recycling Committee. Motion carried with 6 yes 0 no and 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Makima, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to accept the recommendation from the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee and increase the administrator's salary to \$79,800 for 2007, which equates to a 5% increase. Motion carried with 6 yes 0 no and 1 absent.

Commissioner Page reported attending the NMSCA meeting in Alpena where he heard an interesting report on school truancy program. He also attended the MI Works NE consortium in Atlanta for Commissioner Wallace; and reported a change in sick leave policy was implemented changing sick days to personal days, and the worker retraining program allocated remaining \$10,000 to Great Lakes Tissues. He reported attending the Humane Society Meeting and that 1717 animals were taken in last year, with 6% euthanatized; and a new finance computer program has been purchased. He said the Planning Commission has been working on the Master Plan and setting up various meetings for township and public input, also they are working on a shared waterfront ordinance and on moving and reorganizing the wind generation section.

Commissioner Mushlock attended the Fair Board Meeting, and reported that fair activities are being worked on, with the annual fair scheduled for August 5th through the 11th. The Fair Board has also advertised for the fair manager position.

Commissioner Bolinger reported attending the Health Board meeting; a NEMCOG meeting; and the Michigan Northern Counties meeting in Grayling. He reported the State plans to cut funding to extension offices and must pressure the state to reinstate that funding. He also attended the RC&D meeting where plans for 2007 were reviewed; as well as the M.A.C. Conference, including the M.A.C. Board of Directors meeting. He heard a report from the Census Bureau, and a report on managing and reducing health care costs including costs of health departments. Commissioner Bolinger said he chaired the M.A.C. regional caucus, and was elected permanent chair.

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Commissioner Makima attended Fair Board meeting. And report that jail health care was discussed at the Health Board meeting, and that Alpena wants to put two alternates on that board rather than one. The sanitarian from Montmorency was laid off and private duty nurses cut by nineteen. He said he was unable to attend the M.A.C. Conference this year due to eye surgery.

Commissioner Socha reported the airport authority received a boost in revenue in December from a Pennsylvania aviation firm who contracted with utility companies in Northern Michigan to do maintenance on high tension lines. While in northern Michigan the firm rented hangar space at the airport and purchased over 1800 gallons of fuel.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

At the request of NEMCOG, Administrator Overton presented Resolution 07-004 in Support for Calibration/Certification of Oil and Gas Meters. If instituted, the calibration/certification program could be funded through the existing Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund.

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

**Resolution 07-004
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR
CALIBRATION/CERTIFICATION OF OIL AND GAS METERS**

- WHEREAS,** Michigan is a major contributor of the United State's gas and oil production; and
 - WHEREAS,** Northeast Michigan has experienced significant production of gas and oil; and
 - WHEREAS,** Private mineral owners as well as the State of Michigan receive significant monetary revenues from crude oil and natural gas production through royalties, severance taxes, surveillance fees; and
 - WHEREAS,** Revenues to private mineral owners and the State of Michigan is based on the production value of the oil and gas, reported to the State by the industry; and
 - WHEREAS,** Meters which track the volume of gas and oil production are not calibrated/certified by the State of Michigan; and
 - WHEREAS,** The Michigan State Legislature passed PA 252 of 1998 to provide for the Department of Environmental Quality's regulatory functions; and
 - WHEREAS,** The largest source of revenue into the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund is the Surveillance Fee levied on the gross value of oil and gas produced; and
 - WHEREAS,** The Surveillance Fee is capped at 1% and has historically been appropriated below the 1% cap, CY 2006 at 0.45%, CY 2007 at 0.65%; and
 - WHEREAS,** Local governments in Northeast Michigan are concerned with the lack of oversight and calibration/certification of oil and gas meters, as the reported figures are the bases for private and State royalty, tax and fee payments,
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the State of Michigan to institute a calibration/certification program on all producing oil and gas wells in the State of Michigan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature in the State of Michigan appropriate the funds for program implementation through the existing structure of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Public Act 252 of 1988, be amended to decrease the required reserve to 5 million to enable appropriation of the full funds available, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to send this Resolution to all area Legislators, Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), Michigan Municipal League (MML), Michigan Township Association (MTA), Northern Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of Regions (MAR), Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), counties and the Governor.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

County Treasurer Linda Cronan presented the annual resolution to borrow against anticipated Delinquent Real Property Taxes and the resolution of Agency. These resolutions appoint the County Treasurer as the agent for this fund and authorize the treasurer to borrow necessary funds to pay any or all delinquent real property taxes that are due and payable to the County, School Districts, Intermediate School District, City, Townships, Special Assessment Districts or any other political unit for which delinquent tax payments are due.

Motion by Commissioner Mushlock, seconded by Commission Bolinger, to adopt Resolution 07-006 to Borrow against Anticipated Delinquent 2006 Real Property Taxes. (Copy of entire Resolution on file in County Clerk's Office). A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6 yes and 0 no and 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Bolinger, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to adopt Resolution 07-005 of Agency Pursuant to Section 87c of Act 206. (Copy of the entire Resolution is on file in County Clerk's Office). A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6 yes and 0 no and 1 absent.

Clerk/Register Mary Ellen Tryban presented an agreement for maintenance and support for the Cherry LAN Software used by the Register of Deeds. This one year agreement replaces the previous multi-year agreement signed in 2003 and was reviewed by Civil Counsel. Ms. Tryban said that language additions suggested by Civil Counsel were incorporated into the agreement. She explained due a slow down in the real estate market, the number of documents recorded in 2006 has decreased substantially, resulting in the monthly maintenance fee decreasing from \$1,158.58 to \$816.20 for 2007.

Motion by Commissioner Bolinger, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock, to approve the Cherry LAN Software License/Enhancements Agreement for 2007 and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 0 absent.

IS Director Matt Hellens presented the annual maintenance agreement with Berbee Information Networks for the AS400 system; the agreement covers the hardware and software maintenance and the tape drive that is used to backup the data for the system. The cost for the agreement is \$11,148.89 for 2007, which increased from last year's cost of \$8,659. Mr. Hellens said upgrading to a new system was researched in 2006, and quotes from several vendors ranged from \$26,000 to \$39,000 for a replacement system that would cover our current needs. However, recent developments with our most prominent AS400 software vendors show that they are in the process of moving their programs to a Windows based platform, which Cheboygan County's current server structure can support. If the vendors are successful in their transition, the County's need to rely on the AS400 technology is greatly reduced. The Information Systems Department will continue to monitor the progress of the vendor's developments, and the plans for future maintenance and hardware purchases will be based off of the results of the transition.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the proposed one-year AS400 maintenance agreement with Berbee Information Networks Corporation, in the amount of \$11,148.89, authorize the Chairperson to sign and authorize the Finance Director to process invoice. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

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Administrator Overton said Cheboygan County, in cooperation with the City of Cheboygan, received two \$200,000 USEPA community-wide Brownfield grants to identify, assess and position properties impacted by petroleum and hazardous substances. He said since this type of work is best performed by experienced environmental consultants, bids were sought and five firms submitted proposals. The evaluation team, consisting of EDC Chair Scott McNeil, Lisa Fought of NLEA and County Administrator Overton recommend contracting with Otwell Mawby, P.C. for these services.

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

Resolution 07-007

**RESOLUTION APPROVING OTWELL MAWBY, P.C. FOR CONTRACT SERVICES
FOR USEPA BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT GRANT**

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides grants and loans to communities through its Brownfield Grant Program to encourage reuse of brownfield properties by funding environmental assessment and response activities;

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County, in cooperation with the City of Cheboygan, applied for and received two USEPA grants to identify, assess, and position properties impacted by petroleum and by hazardous substances in an amount of \$200,000 each;

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County, in conjunction with the City of Cheboygan, issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to experienced environmental consultants to perform a significant portion of the work under the grant, including inventorying potential sites, performing environmental site assessments, and conducting community outreach; and

WHEREAS, In response, to the RFQ, five responses were received and reviewed by an evaluation team; and

WHEREAS, Based on that evaluation, the committee is recommending Otwell Mawby, P.C. of Traverse City for contract award for the Cheboygan Brownfield Assessment Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Cheboygan authorizes the Chair to sign a contract with Otwell Mawby, P.C. to inventory sites, perform environmental assessments, and conduct community outreach in accordance with the grant agreement and work plan of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Cheboygan Brownfield Assessment Project.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Straits Regional Ride Transportation Director Chris Carr presented a proposed fare change for SRR. He said the change in fares from the current application to a tier type structure based on ascending mileages would comply with the ADA Accessibility plan, which states that public transportation must provide preferential fares to persons 65 years of age or over and persons with disabilities at half the regular one-way single fare, and also help increase ridership. The changes, which have been approved by the SRR Board, are as follows:

<u>One Way</u>	<u>Full Fare</u>	<u>Half Fare</u>
0-5 miles	\$3.00	\$1.50
5-20 miles	\$4.00	\$2.00
20-35 miles	\$5.00	\$2.50
35 miles +	\$6.00	\$3.00

Motion by Commissioner Makima, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to authorize the above changes to Straits Regional Ride Bus System's fare structure. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

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Transportation Director Carr presented a letter of understanding between Cheboygan, Emmet, and Presque Isle Counties to operate Straits Regional Ride. He said the letter establishes the terms and conditions, and defines the role and responsibilities between the counties.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to authorize the Board Chair to sign the Straits Regional Ride Letter of Understanding for fiscal year 2008. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Sheriff Clarmont presented an Amendment to the Jail Health Agreement between District Health Department No. 4 and Cheboygan County. He explained that District No. 4 has requested an increase of 15% in the current hourly charge for jail health services. The approximate increase would be \$2,015 per fiscal year.

Motion by Commissioner Bolinger, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to approve the Amendment to the Jail Health Agreement between District Health Department No. 4 and Cheboygan County and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Administrator Overton presented a revised 2007 Wage and Salary Resolution for non-union employees with increases ranging from 3 to 5 percent. He said the wage increases are not based on performance, but are inflationary and economic/marketplace adjustments; and all increases larger than the inflation rate of 3% are supported by comparables.

Motion by Commissioner Mushlock, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the following 2007 wage resolution, associated budget adjustments and authorize the Chair to sign:

2007 RESOLUTION FOR HOURLY ~ NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES

	<i>Current Hourly Rate</i>	<i>2007 Increase %</i>	<i>2007 Increase \$</i>	<i>2007 Hourly Rate</i>	<i>2008 Increase %</i>	<i>2008 Increase \$</i>	<i>2008 Hourly Rate</i>
CIRCUIT COURT							
Court Administrator	16.61	4%	0.66	17.27	4%	0.69	17.97
Court Reporter	19.46	3%	0.58	20.04	TBD	TBD	TBD
Assignment Clerk	14.83	4%	0.59	15.42	TBD	TBD	TBD
Collection Clerk	14.11	4%	0.56	14.67	TBD	TBD	TBD
DISTRICT COURT							
Magistrate	18.96	5%	0.95	19.91	5%	1.00	20.90
Probation Officer	19.75	3%	0.59	20.34	TBD	TBD	TBD
Court Clerk	15.51	4%	0.62	16.13	4%	0.65	16.78
Deputy Clerk II	12.35	3%	0.37	12.72	TBD	TBD	TBD
Deputy Clerk II	13.34	3%	0.40	13.74	TBD	TBD	TBD
Clerk II	12.35	3%	0.37	12.72	TBD	TBD	TBD
Court Administrator	19.82	5%	0.99	20.81	5%	1.04	21.85
Court Bailiff (21 hours per week)	13.85	0%	0.00	13.85	TBD	TBD	TBD
Part-Time Approx 28 hours per week	13.62	5%	0.68	14.30	5%	0.72	15.02
Part-Time 21 hours per week	12.35	3%	0.37	12.72	TBD	TBD	TBD
Part-Time (Aimee 7 hours per week)	9.75	3%	0.29	10.04	TBD	TBD	TBD
Part-Time Approx 14 hours per week	9.35	3%	0.28	9.63	TBD	TBD	TBD
PROBATE COURT							
Registrar of Probate	18.94	5%	0.95	19.89	TBD	TBD	TBD
Court Reporter	15.95	5%	0.80	16.75	5%	0.84	17.58

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Probation Officer Supplement (\$11.36 State Wage)	9.30	3%	0.62	9.92	TBD	TBD	TBD
Deputy Juvenile/Probate Registrar *Clerk II	13.40	5%	0.67	14.07	TBD	TBD	TBD
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Intensive Probation Officer #1	17.35	3%	0.52	17.87	TBD	TBD	TBD
Intensive Probation Officer #2	17.03	3%	0.51	17.54	TBD	TBD	TBD

SAYPA

Instructional Aid (40) hour week	10.70	3%	0.32	11.02	TBD	TBD	TBD
Instructional Aid (40) hour week	9.50	16%	1.52	11.02	TBD	TBD	TBD

STRAITS REGIONAL RIDE

Administrative Ass't/ Dispatcher	12.81	0%	0.00	12.81	N/A - Will Be Under Union Contract		
Full-Time Dispatcher	10.99	0%	0.00	10.99	N/A - Will Be Under Union Contract		
Full-Time Bus Driver (3 employees)	12.40	0%	0.00	12.40	N/A - Will Be Under Union Contract		
Part-Time Bus Driver - Seniority 1	11.19	0%	0.00	11.19	N/A - Will Be Under Union Contract		
Part-Time Bus Driver - Seniority 2	10.99	0%	0.00	10.99	N/A - Will Be Under Union Contract		
Part-Time Bus Driver - Seniority 3	10.91	0%	0.00	10.91	N/A - Will Be Under Union Contract		
Part-Time Bus Driver - Seniority 4	10.62	0%	0.00	10.62	N/A - Will Be Under Union Contract		
Part-Time Bus Driver - Seniority 5 (2 employees)	10.00	0%	0.00	10.00	N/A - Will Be Under Union Contract		
Part-Time Bus Aide (2 employees)	7.47	0%	0.00	7.47	N/A - Will Be Under Union Contract		

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Account Clerk	14.29	5%	0.71	15.00	TBD	TBD	TBD
Building Engineer Asst.	16.44	3%	0.49	16.93	TBD	TBD	TBD
Chief Deputy Clerk	17.45	3%	0.52	17.97	TBD	TBD	TBD
Chief Deputy Treasurer	17.45	3%	0.52	17.97	TBD	TBD	TBD
Executive Secretary	14.60	4%	0.58	15.18	TBD	TBD	TBD
Office Manager/Confidential Sec.	16.25	4%	0.65	16.90	TBD	TBD	TBD
Technology Director - Support	17.45	3%	0.52	17.97	TBD	TBD	TBD

PART-TIME HIRES

Up to 5 years of service	11.14	3%	0.33	11.47	TBD	TBD	TBD
Over 5 years of service	11.40	3%	0.34	11.74	TBD	TBD	TBD
Part-Time Treasurer Office (Stacey)	9.90	3%	0.30	10.20	TBD	TBD	TBD

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	<i>2006 Salary</i>	<i>2007 Increase %</i>	<i>2007 Increase \$</i>	<i>2007 Salary</i>	<i>2008 Increase %</i>	<i>2008 Increase \$</i>	<i>2008 Salary</i>
OTHER							
Clerk/Register of Deeds	53,917.50	COLA=3%	1,617.53	55,535.03	TBD	COLA = TBD	TBD
Sheriff	56,279.60	COLA = 3%	1,688.39	57,967.99	TBD	COLA = TBD	TBD
Treasurer	52,890.50	COLA = 3%	1,586.72	54,477.22	TBD	COLA = TBD	TBD
Drain Commissioner	500.00	0%	0.00	500.00	0%	0.00	500.00
Medical Examiner	7,200.00	0%	0.00	7,200.00	0%	0.00	7,200.00
Surveyor	500.00	0%	0.00	500.00	0%	0.00	500.00

BOARD of COMMISSIONERS							
Chairperson	4,950.00	0%	0.00	4,950.00	0%	0.00	4,950.00
Commissioner	4,500.00	0%	0.00	4,500.00	0%	0.00	4,500.00
Chairperson Per Diem	\$30 / \$60**	0%	0.00	\$30 / \$60**	0%	0.00	\$30 / \$60**
Commissioner Per Diem	\$30 / \$60**	0%	0.00	\$30 / \$60**	0%	0.00	\$30 / \$60**

**** More than 1 meeting per day / full day meeting / out of County meeting**
 Prosecutor's salary determined based on the November 10, 2004 Human Resources Policies and Procedures Meeting Minutes; the 2007 increase was 2006 Base + 2%.
 Clerk's salary determined based on the November 10, 2004 Human Resources Policies and Procedures Meeting Minutes; the 2007 increase was 2006 Base + COLA.
 Treasurer's salary determined based on the November 10, 2004 Human Resources Policies and Procedures Meeting Minutes; the 2007 increase was 2006 Base + COLA.
 Sheriff's salary determined based on the November 10, 2004 Human Resources Policies and Procedures Meeting Minutes; the 2007 increase was 2006 Base + COLA.
 Other elected officials salaries determined based on the November 10, 2004 Human Resources Policies and Procedures Meeting Minutes, the salaries for these offices will remain the same from 2005 through 2008.
2007 Increase - Cheboygan County Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) Determination: The annual COLA is equal to the percentage increase in the Consu time periods of October 2004 through September 2005 and October 2005 through September 2006mer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Midwest Urban Area from the average for the 12-month as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

TBD = To Be Determined

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Finance Director Kari Kortz presented the following revised pay scale for Cheboygan County Road Commissioners as requested by Luke Houlton, Engineer/Manager: Salary: Chairman - \$4,950.00 Commissioners - \$4,500.00; Per Diem: Chairman & Commissioners - ½ Day/Single Mtg. - \$30 Full Day/Multiple Mtgs./Out of County Mtg. - \$60; Mileage: Not to exceed IRS maximum as may be established from time to time (\$0.48)

Motion by Commissioner Bolinger, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock, to approve the pay scale for Cheboygan County Road Commission board members as requested by the Road Commission Engineer/Manager to be effective January 1, 2007. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Road Commission Manager Houlton addressed the Board to request a letter of support for the Cheboygan County Road Commission to seek funds through the Local Safety Program. Clerk Tryban read the proposed letter for the record.

Motion by Commissioner Makima, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to accept the letter of support for the Cheboygan County Road Commission to seek funds through the Local Safety Program and authorize the Chair to sign. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

A one-year contract with the Michigan Horsepulling Boat Association and a three-year contract for 2007, 2008 and 2009 with Skerbeck Brothers Shows, Inc. were presented by the Cheboygan County Fair Board for approval.

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Motion by Commissioner Mushlock, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to approve the one-year contract and addendum with the Michigan Horsepulling Boat Association and a three-year contract for 2007, 2008 and 2009 with Skerbeck Brothers Shows, Inc. and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign both documents. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bolinger said that he has been reappointed by DNR Director Rebecca Humphries as chair of the Pigeon River Advisory Council through 2008.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to go into closed session, following a ten minute break, for the purpose of a strategy session connected with the negotiations of a collective bargaining agreements as authorized by Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act, being MCL 15.268(c). A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Went into closed session at 11:00 p.m. and returned to open session at 12:50 p.m. Commissioner Makima was excused at 11:50 a.m.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the tentative agreement with the AFSCME group as proposed for 2007, 2008 and 2009. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 4 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Page), and 2 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the tentative agreement with the POLC Command group as proposed for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 5 yes, 0 no, and 2 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the tentative agreement with the POLC Non-supervisory group as proposed for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 4 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Page), and 2 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the tentative agreement with GELC as proposed for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 4 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Page), and 2 absent.

Chairperson Socha said that after the new contracts are drafted and reviewed, they will be presented at the next Committee of the Whole meeting for signature.

Administrator Overton presented proposed changes to benefits received by non-union employees, which included long term disability, a 1% match to a deferred comp plan, one addition personal day and a change in the MERS retirement plan. Chairperson Socha requested that the proposal be presented at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Mushlock, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson