

**JOINT MEETING – CCE 911
CHARLEVOIX-CHEBOYGAN-EMMET COUNTY BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS
May 20, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 2:03 P.M. at the Headlands in Mackinaw City by Emmet County Board Chairman Jim Tamlyn.

Roll called for each Board of Commissioners was taken. All counties had a quorum present.

Present from Cheboygan County: Commissioners Socha, Redmond, Mushlock, and Wallace. Absent: Commissioners Makima, Page and Bolinger. Also present Administrator Mike Overton, and Clerk/Register Mary Ellen Tryban.

Charlevoix County Clerk Jane Brannon was recognized for her years of hard work and service as she plans to retire at the end of this term.

CCE Director Bob Bradley distributed the 2007 Annual Update and highlighted some of the upgrades and changes that took place over the past year. Mr. Bradley noted that Jack Messer replaced Mike Thompson as Operations Manager for C.C.E.; and commended Jerry Boardman for eight years of service representing Cities and Villages on the board of directors. He reported that the dispatch center was completely remodeled last year, which has led to a much improved and safer working environment for the staff. The NOAA/National Weather Service Transmitter near Good Hart is officially up and running transmitting weather information for the entire tri-county area, the Straits of Mackinac and well into the Upper Peninsula. Mr. Bradley said that 3 ½ year old Victor Goodin received the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) Heroes award for the State of Michigan. Victor called 9-1-1 when his great-grandmother had fallen outside; due to the low temperature outside and the severity of her injuries, the outcome could have been very unfortunate had Victor not made that call. Mr. Bradley reported that a grant from the Local Revenue Sharing Board was used to raise the height of the tower on Levering Road from 180 to 240 feet. This will allow the addition of a Mobile Data transmitter at the site to better serve the Northern parts of Emmet and Cheboygan counties, and also pave the way in the future for other upgrades at that site. Mr. Bradley reported that since 2001, \$2,141,298 in grant revenue has been realized, including \$548,445 for 2008 for technology upgrades. He said the current funding formula, which equates to Charlevoix-30A%, Cheboygan-32%, and Emmet-38%, is being reviewed. With all of the changes in devices it is now more difficult to get good accurate numbers, but attempts to gather all the information needed for that review are being made. A version of the 5-year communications upgrade was outlined and discussed.

Following Mr. Bradley's presentation, general discussion was held.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m. on a motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson