

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
May 27, 2008**

The meeting was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Vice-Chairperson Pete Redmond at 9:30 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

PRESENT: Commissioners Makima, Redmond, Mushlock, Page, Wallace and Bolinger

ABSENT: Commissioner Socha (excused)

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

Commissioner Redmond requested that Scott Ingersoll be added to Scheduled Visitors/Department Reports as Item D.

Motion by Commissioner Makima, seconded by Commissioner Mushlock, to approve the agenda as with the addition of Scott Ingersoll under Scheduled Visitors/Department Reports, Item D. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

SCHEDULED VISITORS/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Attorney James L. Gilbert, candidate for 89th District Court Judge, presented his credentials to the board and the citizens of this county. Mr. Gilbert said he received his undergraduate degree in accounting and MBA from Michigan State University. He is a Certified Public Account, and after completing law school, and passing the bar, he joined his father's law practice. He has been actively involved in every aspect of the court system over the past nine years.

Newly elected Mayor of the City of Cheboygan, Les Tebo, addressed the board. Mr. Tebo also is a sergeant for the Cheboygan County Sheriff's Department. He said he looks forward to working with the Board of Commissioners as Mayor. Commissioner Redmond congratulated him on being elected mayor on behalf of the Board.

Prosecutor Mickey Castagne presented of the 2007 Annual Report for the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney. Ms. Castagne stated that overall crime was down in 2007 in the county in terms of misdemeanors, but felonies were up a bit. Several factors contributing to that include a veteran group of law enforcement officers; in general, the number of younger people is down, as there are 100 less students in the Cheboygan Middle Schools this year compared to 2005. She outlined the number of felony and misdemeanor criminal cases charged and denied, and the type of cases charged, and noted that criminal sexual conduct and financial crimes were up significantly. She highlighted cases in the Probate Division of Family Court, including juvenile delinquencies, incorrigibility, and abuse and neglect. She noted that the Child Support Division of the office once again did better than the State average for both the establishment of paternity and support orders. In 2007, the Prosecutor's Office serviced 540 victims of crime. She stated her concern regarding confidentiality with the current office layout, and hopes a better solution can be found. Some discussion on a Macomb County case that has been revisited that involved one of our assistant prosecutors.

Attorney Scott Ingersoll, Republican candidate of Cheboygan County Prosecutor, presented his credentials. Mr. Ingersoll, a citizen of this county for about 40 years, graduated from Cheboygan Catholic High School and worked in the construction business for 10 years. Following this he left the area and obtained a masters degree in public policy and a law degree. His philosophy as a prosecutor would be to protect and foster the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the county. He outlined some of the policy and procedures he would strive for if elected.

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BOARD MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION - None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Commissioner Wallace requested a meeting of the Senior Millage Appropriation Committee be held following this meeting. However, since that committee was not posted in was scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2008 at noon to allow time for posting.

Commissioner Page advised that the Tuscarora Township Park Plan was recently reviewed by the Cheboygan County Waterways Commission. Commissioner Redmond said this is the new boat launch in downtown Indian River. Commissioner Page said the township intends to ask that the Waterways Commission take over the property. He said this would require staff, and discussion was held on how to handle the project with minimum staff. Commissioner Page said the township will be presenting more information to this board later this year. He reported that Grant Township opened the bids for a new fire station next to the township hall.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Waverly Township Supervisor Tony Matelski reported that the township has received their recycling bins.

County Treasurer Linda Cronan commented on the extreme height of the new cardboard recycling bin. Recycling Coordinator Dan O’Henley said that would be taken care.

Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

Pete Redmond
Vice-Chairperson