

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RECONVENED MEETING  
June 25, 2009**

The reconvened meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Chairperson Linda Socha at 8:00 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Socha, Makima, Redmond, Page, Wallace and Bolinger

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Mushlock (excused)

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

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

**BRIEF CITIZENS COMMENTS – None**

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Administrator Overton presented a Lease Agreement between the County and Escapees, Inc. for camping and use of the kitchen facilities at the fairgrounds for the week of July 6, 2009 through July 13, 2009. This agreement was drafted by legal counsel. Fair Manager Dan O’Henley had signed an agreement for this in 2007, but did not have the authority to do so. Mr. Overton said he has been assured by the county’s insurance carrier that the County is insured for any and all activities at the Fairgrounds; however, Escapees also has sufficient insurance. He noted the fee of \$20.00 per night was not set by the Board of Commissioners, but was historically the amount the County Fair Board has charged. The projected revenue of \$7,000 was based on that fee and fifty RV campers; estimated expenses were reported to be \$1,000 for electrical hook-up and a minor cost for trash, water and sewer usage. Lengthy discussion held on the County’s policy and procedures for approving events held at the fairgrounds, security, insurance, and competing with existing local businesses, i.e. private campgrounds. Chairperson Socha said these type events are not fair related events; they are county events and must be approved by this board, these issues are not new. She said the expectation was that all of these events would be handled properly and professionally by the manager of the fairgrounds.

**Motion** by Commissioner Page, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to approve the lease agreement between Cheboygan County and Escapees, Inc., a Texas corporation, for camping at the fairgrounds for the period of July 6, 2009 through July 13, 2009, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the agreement. Discussion held. Commissioner Wallace noted the job description for the manager of the fairgrounds should outline the responsibilities and authority the person holding this position has or does not have. Chairperson Socha voiced her concern with direct competition leasing the fairgrounds to a group this size for non-fair related activities for camping has with local private sector businesses. Administrator Overton said if a private campground can’t handle this size group the fairgrounds should be available for the economic benefit for the community. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 5 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Socha) and 1 absent.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS – None**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Wallace said the Board should have a planning session without other elected officials sometime soon to set the course for the future. Chairperson Socha said it will be really important after we receive the report from Johnson Controls, which should be available the end of August. She said it

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is not just this facility, but all county facilities that must be looked at for long range improvements. She cited the trails coming together as a benefit for the recreation base. She said the MAC Conference will be August 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>, and the board planning session could be sometime in September. Administrator Overton to work on setting up the planning session for September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion** by Commissioner Page, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to adjourn to the call of the chair. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

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Judy Arnold, Deputy  
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

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Linda Socha  
Chairperson