

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 9, 2009**

The Public Hearing on the Proposed ORV Ordinance was opened by Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners Chairperson Linda Socha at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the County Building. Ms. Socha stated the purpose of the public hearing was regarding the proposed Cheboygan County Ordinance No. 1 of 2009, an ordinance pursuant to Act 240 of the Public Acts of 2008 regarding operation of off-road vehicles on roads within Cheboygan and related fines and penalties.

Roll called and a quorum present.

PRESENT: Commissioners Socha, Makima, Redmond, Page, Wallace (arrived at 9:15 a.m.) and Bolinger

ABSENT: Commissioners Mushlock (excused)

Chairperson Socha said if passed, this ordinance would replace a similar ordinance in place in Cheboygan County since 1988, incorporating changes made reflective to Act 240. She said all Cheboygan County roads have been open to off road vehicles since 1988. She welcomed those in attendance and noted the board's decisions on behalf of the citizens are not taken lightly and advised a vote on this issue would take place later in the meeting. She also related the process that would be followed to allow all those who wish to speak three minutes to do so.

Written correspondence received regarding this ordinance was given to the board members in advance to allow time for them to read each one. This correspondence included a letter in favor of the proposed ordinance from Gregory Krot, as well as resolutions of support from Nunda and Forest Townships and from the Indian River Chamber of Commerce. Letters against the proposed ordinance, mainly against opening roads in the Pigeon River Forest, were received from the following: Kathy Bricker, President of Straits Area Audubon Society; John Walters, President of Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited; Dr. & Mrs. Philip Woolcott; Joe Jarecki; Edward Lebowsky; Joe Matteini; Glenn Seagren, M.D.; Richard W. Kropf; Steven Grandstaff; Robert Jacobson, President of Michigan Conservation Foundation; and Douglas Mummert.

Comments in support of the proposed ordinance were received from: Charles Beckwith, Chairman, Cheboygan Chapter of M.T.A.; Robert Foster; Rebecca Behm, Director, Indian River Chamber of Commerce; John Moore, Nunda Township Supervisor; Wally Larson, Forest Township Supervisor; Bill Jones, The Brown Trout; Lisa Renaud LaPrairie, Owner, Burt Lake Marina; and Mary S. Mororoll, Forest Township Resident.

Comments in opposition to the proposed ordinance due to roads in the Pigeon River area being open to ORV's were received from the following: Gerald Rintamaki; Bob Jacobson, Michigan Conservation Foundation; Jim Veller, Straits Area Audobon Society; Glen Matthews; Joe Jarecki; Ray Hoobler, Pigeon River Country Association; Arch Reeves, Pigeon River Advisory Council; Cindy Mom; Lance Weyeneth, Headwaters Chapter Trout Unlimited; Anabel Dwyer, Straits Area Concerned Citizens for Peace and Justice; Scott Whitcomb, DNR; and Paige Perry, DNR.

Robert Pritchard read general comments on the fiduciary responsibilities of the board members. Commissioner Page read a letter from his neighbor, former Indiana State Trooper John Hirshler, regarding youth operating ORV's.

Richard Knight reminded the Board they are representing Cheboygan County, not surrounding counties.

The public hearing was closed by Chairperson Socha at 10:00 a.m.

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**FINANCE/BUSINESS MEETING
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The regular meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners was called to order in the Commissioners Room by Chairperson Linda Socha at 10:00 a.m.

Roll called and a quorum present.

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

ABSENT: Commissioners Mushlock (excused)

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

Chairperson Socha requested Item 5D 2009 Wage & Salary Resolution Amendment #5 – Sheriff's Department Marine Safety be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under New Business, Item 11J-A. Administrator Overton requested the removal of Item 11F Cage Fighting Contract.

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

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- A. Approve Monthly Finance Claims: Finance = \$38,965.19; Prepaids = \$892,442.52
- B. Budget Adjustments: Transfer \$93,000 from 292-670-821.11 Fam Care Private Foster Care to 292-670-821.21 Institutional Foster Care; Raise Revenue & Expenditures for Fund 210 Jaws of Life Fund with a total budget increase of \$6,700, Lower Revenue & Expenditures for Fund 561 County Fair with a total budget decrease of \$12,000; Inter-budget Trans for Payroll Related items for County Fair Board totaling \$6,000
- C. Investment Report
- D. ~~2009 Wage & Salary Resolution Amendment #5 – Sheriff's Department Marine Safety~~ (moved to New Business)
- E. Correspondence:
 1. Allegan County Resolutions 1) Supporting House Bill 4893; and 2) Public Health Funding Crisis
 2. Antrim, Bay & Saginaw County Resolutions Supporting Adequate State Funding to Hold Counties Harmless from DHS Lawsuit Settlement Agreement
 3. Calhoun County Resolutions 1) Opposing 50% Funding Reduction & Merger of MSU Ag Experiment State and MSU Extension; and 2) Opposing SJR-H Regarding Taxable Value
 4. Gratiot County Resolution in Opposition Memorandum of Agreement Between State of Michigan and Federal Government for Enhanced Driver's Licenses
 5. Huron, Ottawa and Van Buren County Resolutions in Support of Restoration of Full State Revenue Sharing for Counties
 6. Lake County Resolutions 1) In Support of the Michigan Fair Energy Fair; 2) Proclaiming July 12-18, 2009 as "Road Rage Awareness Week"; 3) In Opposition to DEQ Proposed Changes to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994; 4) Public Health Funding Crisis; 5) Support of Restoration of Full State Revenue Sharing for Counties; 6) Regarding Lawsuits by Courts Against Counties; 7) Supporting Adequate State Funding to Hold Counties Harmless from DHS Lawsuit Settlement Agreement; and 8) in Opposition Memorandum of Agreement Between State of Michigan and Federal Government for Enhanced Driver's Licenses
 7. Ogemaw County Resolution Regarding Right-To-Work
 8. Washtenaw County Resolution Opposing SJR-H Regarding Taxable Value
 9. NEMCOG Public Notice of Intent for Recreation Grant Projects 09-137, 09-138 & 09-139
 10. NEMCOG Project Reviews
 - a) Dated 5/27/09 – Notice of Intent by Chemical Bank to Apply for Federal Assistance from USDA
 - b) Dated 6/3/09 – Notice of intent by Northern Initiatives to Apply for Federal Assistance from Children and Families
 11. Letter from Representative Kevin Elsenheimer Regarding Cheboygan County Resolution 09-13 in Opposition to MSUE Funding Cuts

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F. Minutes:

1. Finance/Business Meeting of May 12, 2009; Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 26, 2009; and Annual Tri-County 9-1-1 Meeting of May 27, 2009
2. North Country Community Mental Health Board – April 16, 2009
3. Michigan Northern Counties Association – May 18, 2009
4. Health Board – April 21, 2009
5. Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Board of Directors – March 19, 2009
6. Cheboygan County Fair Board – May 4, 2009
7. Cheboygan County Road Commission – April 30, 2009 & May 21, 2009
8. Cheboygan City Council – April 28, 2009, May 5, 2009 & May 12, 2009
9. Planning Commission – March 18, 2009, April 1, 2009, April 15, 2009, May 6, 2009 & May 20, 2009
10. ZBA Meeting – April 22, 2009

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

SCHEDULED VISITORS – None

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Finance Director Kari Kortz presented the revenue and expenditures report for the General Fund for the month ended April 30, 2009. She reported total year-to-date revenue of \$1,452,708.60 versus \$1,530,041.74 last year at that time. Ms. Kortz reported expenditures year-to-date were \$3,059,811.01, or 27.04% of budget, compared to \$3,249,344.18 last year as of the end of March.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Socha advised that Commissioner Page has requested time to do a presentation prior to action on the ORV Ordinance. Commissioner Page said he's concerned with young drivers of ATV's. He said he believes it difficult to ignore the fact that while children under 16 are only 14% of all ATV riders, they experience 40% of injuries and 30% of ATV deaths. Lengthy discussion held. Commissioner Redmond said it appears comments heard today indicate evenly split as to whether roads in the Pigeon River area are opened to ORV use or not. He said townships can adopt their own ordinance after one year, if they so desire.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to adopt Cheboygan County ORV Ordinance No. 01 of 2009 as written and authorize the chair to sign. Discussion continued. Commissioner Makima said he believes the ordinance is okay. Commissioner Bolinger said the majority of the townships he represents favor all roads being opened. Commissioner Wallace said the state profits from the Pigeon River Forest, but does not want the surrounding area to profit. Chairperson Socha said Cheboygan County's ordinance is not new; the roads have been opened for 21 years to ORV's in Cheboygan County. She said the townships would have the right, but not the resources or the enforcement ability, to have their own ordinances if they do not agree with the County's ordinance. She said the majority of ORV operators are responsible, and she was concerned with noise intrusion until she saw the logging; enforcement is an issue, but it is parental responsibility to oversee youth operating an ORV. Civil Counsel said the Board would always have a right to amend or revise the ordinance at any time so there is not a need to put anything in the ordinance to allow changes or amendments. Commissioner Socha said this board needs to allocate resources to formalize a comprehensive recreation plan and it's important to all to have balanced versus quiet motorized type of outdoor recreation. Civil Counsel said there's a five year sunset provision, not only the statute that provides the authority, but for the ordinance itself. Commissioner Socha said the county does need to look at mapping of roads so that which roads are closed and which are not can easily be determined. Commissioner Redmond said the board has been working on this for at least the past six months and have heard presentations and reviewed information during that time. Commissioner Page said the data of the young age group points to a recipe for disaster if permitted to drive on county roads. He said he thinks the quiet area in PRC should be maintained, but primarily concerned with young operators. He said ORV travel is not allowed on trails and two-tracks, just on county roads. Commissioner Socha clarified that the ordinance does not allow anyone under 16 to ride a 3-wheeler. She said in 1988 when

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the county allowed ORV's use on county roads there were not ORV regulations that manufacturers had to follow, now ATV's must comply with improved safety standards. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 5 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Page) and 1 absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Talsma of Anderson, Tackman & Company presented a report on the County Audit for Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2008. Mr. Talsma reviewed and explained several charts of assets, revenues and expenses for 2008. He noted three items listed under Comments and Recommendations, one retaining images of both sides of checks, secondly, unrestricted net assets deficit in the Marina Fund, and lastly, recording applicable interest income in the Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund. He also noted the under funding of accrued sick and vacation, employee retirement and the public improvement funds. Mr. Talsma also suggested consideration be given to establishing a Budget Stabilization Fund. Discussion held. Chairperson Socha directed the administrator and finance director to gather more information on Mr. Talsma's suggestion.

Motion by Commissioner Makima, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to accept the fiscal year 2008 audited financial statements for Cheboygan County. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Mr. Talsma briefly explained the Straits Regional Ride Audit and differences due to the adjusting the fiscal year to coincide with the State's fiscal year. He noted this is the second year of the change of format for SRR. The Operating Revenues for SRR in 2008 were \$699,000, Operating Expenses were \$826,000 and \$93,000 was transferred from the General Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to accept the fiscal year 2008 audited financial statements for Straits Regional Ride. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Finance Director Kari Kortz explained the MDOT Authorization Agreement. She said this is a revision to an earlier contract that supplied \$76,783, and this contract is for \$127,972. She noted another revision would be presented at a later date for approval of the balance of \$11,868.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to accept MDOT Revised Project Authorization FY 2009 Section 5311 Operating, Agreement No. 2007-0191, Authorization No. Z11/R1, Project No. 105207 and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

County Treasurer Linda Cronan presented a list of properties that were foreclosed on as of March 31, 2009. She said she sent copies of plat maps to each commissioner for properties not in a recorded subdivision. Before selling these properties at a public auction, the County Treasurer must first offer them to the DNR who has the right to purchase any and all properties at fair market value. Any properties remaining must then be offered to the local municipality who has the right to purchase by paying minimum bid as set by the County Treasurer. Any property purchased by the local municipality or County must be used for public purposes. Any properties sold at public auction will be put back on the tax roll providing revenue to the County, Township, School Districts, Library, Senior Citizens, Intermediate School Districts, Etc. Treasurer Cronan said she has been considering implementing a "land bank" for properties not sold. With a land bank the county can combine adjoining property or offer sale to adjoining property owners, as this would make the property more valuable.

Motion by Commissioner Bolinger, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to authorize Chairperson to sign the waiver of First Right of Refusal in accordance with Act 123 P.A. 1999. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Treasurer Cronan presented a request to participate in the Youth Employment Success Program. This program is funded by a federal grant awarded to North Central Michigan College Summer Youth Program for youth 16 to 24 years of age. The wage for this program is between \$7 and \$8 per hour, with no cost to the county. The person hired would work 30 hours per week answering phones, scanning, handling returned mail, etc. Discussion held on this program, it was the consensus that any other department's request for participating in this program would have to come before the Board.

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Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to authorize the County Treasurer to participate in the Youth Employment Success Program, funded by a federal grant offered by the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, noting the position created would exist only while the grant money is available. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Treasurer Cronan presented a written report on the Foreclosure Fund. She said although the law only requires the County Treasurer to report the remaining balance from the sales proceeds, her report showed all revenues and all expenses that have reported in this fund. She reported a balance of \$139,471.12.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to accept the Cheboygan County Treasurer's Foreclosure Report and instruction the County Treasurer to move funds in the amount of \$139,471.12 from the Foreclosure Fund into the General Fund. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

District Court Judge Maria Barton presented a resolution of appointment of the Chief Magistrate and also an amendment to the 2009 Salary & Wage Resolution. She said Becky Phillips will be retiring as Chief Magistrate as of July 3, 2009 after 30 years of service with Cheboygan County. Liz Pilon will be stepping into as Chief Magistrate effective July 6, 2009. Judge Barton said the financial impact of this change is a net decrease of \$3,233.63.

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

**RESOLUTION 09-18
89th District Court Magistrates**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners hereby affirms appointment of the following as Magistrate for the 89th District Court:

Liz Pilon, Chief Magistrate

Commissioner Page asked if this person previously worked in the Prosecutor's Office. Judge Barton replied she was the Office Manager in the Prosecutor's Office. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 5 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Page) and 1 absent.

Administrator Overton presented Amendment #5 to the 2009 Salary & Wage Resolution. He explained during the 2009 budget process, Marine Safety employee positions to patrol Mullett and Burt Lakes were inadvertently left off the salary and wage resolution. The cost of this service is covered by revenue received from the Mullett Area Preservation Society and the Burt Lake Preservation Association. The amendment merely adjusts the head count and sets the wage for these two employees. Chairperson Socha noted that matters regarding salary or wages are not to be included on the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to adopt the 2009 Salary and Wage Resolution Amendment #5 – Sheriff Department Marine Safety Division to become effective immediately and authorize the Chairperson to sign. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Discussion was held on the 2009 Salary and Wage Resolution Amendment #6 – Chief Deputy Magistrate, primarily the decrease in hourly wage for the position and that this is a non-union position. Judge Barton provided several comparable wages for this position in surrounding counties. Chairperson Socha advised the administrator and finance director that for future changes in hourly wage, comparables should be provided.

Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to adopt the 2009 Salary and Wage Resolution Amendment #6 – District Court Magistrate to become effective July 6, 2009, approve the necessary budget adjustments, and authorize the Chairperson to sign. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

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Recycling Coordinator Dan O'Henley presented a contract with Community Memorial Hospital which allows CMH to join the recycling program as a commercial recycler. Cheboygan County will provide a 40 yard container.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded Commissioner Makima, to approve the recycling agreement for recycling services between Cheboygan County and Community Memorial Hospital and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Mr. O'Henley presented a lease agreement with Tuscarora Township which permits Cheboygan to improve the site at Martha Street in Indian River with gravel and a privacy fence. The agreement was prepared by Civil Counsel.

Motion by Commissioner Page, seconded Commissioner Redmond, to approve the First Amendment to the Lease Agreement between Tuscarora Township and Cheboygan County and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Mr. O'Henley presented a request to purchase a 30 yard recycling container at the cost of \$5,650 to be used by Burt Township for cardboard only.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to authorize the purchase of a 30 yard recycling container from Universal Handling Equipment Company at a cost of \$5,650. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Administrator Overton presented the annual Northern Michigan Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) resolution. In order to be eligible for EDA grant funding all projects must be listed in the plan. He said this year's list is somewhat abbreviated so as to move quickly to be eligible for stimulus money. Chairperson Socha pointed out that Mullett Township should be added to the Boy Scout Camp development.

Motion by Commissioner Wallace, seconded by Commissioner Page, to adopt the following resolution with the change of adding Mullett Township to the list with regards to the Boy Scout Camp property:

**RESOLUTION 09-15
RESOLUTION OF CONCURRENCE WITH
THE 2009/2010 NORTHEAST MICHIGAN
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)**

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County desires to improve the county economy, and

WHEREAS, The Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners actively supports and currently participates in the economic development district activities of the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), and

WHEREAS, The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments' Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC) has reviewed and adopted the 2009/2010 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), and

WHEREAS, Concurrence with the CEDS by each county in the Region – Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle - does not preclude any of developing their own CEDS and allows them to retain eligibility for U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Cheboygan County hereby adopts the 2009/2010 CEDS, because it does reflect the economic interests and concerns of the county, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Cheboygan County requests continued designation by the Economic Development Administration as a Redevelopment Area eligible for EDA grants, loans and other programs under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965, as amended.

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

Community Development Director Steve Schnell presented a resolution of support for the Village of Mackinaw City in partnership with other governmental units to provide funding for participation of townships, cities and village in the Trailside Community Enhancement Project.

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Motion by Commissioner Makima, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to adopt the following resolution supporting participation in the Partnerships for Change Sustainable Communities, First Step Program: Trailside Community Enhancement Project, approve the expenditure of \$500 for the grant match and approve the necessary budget adjustments:

**RESOLUTION 09-16
Resolution Supporting Participation in
the Partnerships for Change Sustainable Communities, First Steps Program:
Trailside Community Enhancement Project**

WHEREAS, The County of Cheboygan is committed to the growth of trailside businesses; and

WHEREAS, recreational trails are good for our community's economic and physical health; and

WHEREAS, regional collaboration among trailside communities will benefit all trailside communities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Mackinaw City is eligible to submit an application for Partnerships for Change – First Steps grant program to produce a sustainable partnership of vital trailside communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners agrees to participate in the Trailside Community Enhancement Project and supports with in-kind donation of time of a representative to attend the appropriate meetings and provide trailside assets to create an asset map and a contribution of \$500 in matching funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the citizens and business owners of the County of Cheboygan will be kept fully informed of the process and given ample opportunity to provide input into the process.

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

Administrator Overton introduced Bud Darnell representing the Cheboygan Economic Develop Group. Mr. Darnell said his group has a subcommittee involved in supporting renewable energy sources. The power plant in Rogers City fits well with this. He said Cheboygan County would be in a good position to produce biomass. Commissioner Page commented on the phrase "clean coal" in the resolution and said he has heard both the EPA and the State of Michigan may freeze these projects because of the CO2 problem. Mr. Darnell said there will be coal plants in the future or we will not have electricity, because of the price of power on the grid which is predicted to go higher. He also stated the employment opportunity with this plant which would bring in hundreds of jobs. Chairperson Socha said both Senator Allen and Representative Elsenheimer stressed the importance of this plant because we are not high on the power grid and she said she would like to see this area have a higher standing. Mr. Darnell said by forming a relationship with Wolverine Power would enable our citizens to be able to participate in some of the benefits.

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

**RESOLUTION 09-17
Resolution Supporting Wolverine Clean Energy Venture**

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission issued the 21st Century Energy Plan in January 2007 identifying the need for the construction of new electric generating capacity in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Wolverine Power Cooperative ("Wolverine"), a Michigan non-profit cooperative, has proposed the construction of the Wolverine Clean Energy Venture ("WCEV"), a 600 megawatt, clean coal generating facility and a multi-turbine wind generating project near Rogers City, Michigan to meet the long-term power needs with cleanly produced, cost-effective electricity; and

WHEREAS, Wolverine is Michigan's leader in renewable energy and sees great potential in our State to use natural, renewable resources to generate clean electricity; and

WHEREAS, Wolverine has received local zoning approvals from the City of Rogers City and the Presque Isle County Planning Commission for the WCEV; and

WHEREAS, the WCEV will not only directly benefit two of Presque Isle County's largest employers, Presque Isle Electric & Gas and ON Minerals-Calcite, but will provide economic benefits to numerous other local businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS, Wolverine is preparing to invest more than \$1 billion, provide several hundred construction jobs, provide full-time employment for approximately 100 people with an estimated payroll of \$6,000,000 per year after

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construction, and generate millions in local property tax revenues, after any qualifying tax abatements, from its WCEV project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners supports the development, construction and future operation of the WCEV in Presque Isle County.

A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with 5 yes, 1 no (Commissioner Page) and 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Page, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, to authorize the Chairperson to sign a letter of recommendation on behalf of the Cheboygan County Council on Aging allowing the NEMCSA grant proposal to be submitted by the due date of June 12, 2009. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Bolinger, to approve the letter of support for Legal Services of Northern Michigan, Inc. and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

Motion by Commissioner Page, seconded by Commissioner Redmond, to approve the Leasehold Agreement with Charles R. LaHaie for a term beginning June 24, 2009 through July 31, 2009 and authorize the Chairperson to sign. Motion carried with 6 yes, 0 no and 1 absent.

CITIZENS COMMENTS – Tony Matelski thanked the Board for approving the ORV Ordinance and the Wolverine Power Resolution. He said the UAW is once again taking Waverly Township to the Tax Tribunal requesting another reduction of 3 million in Taxable Value.

Mullett Township Supervisor Bill Morgan said that Mullett Township is moving ahead with plans for the Boy Scout Road property.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bolinger reported attending Drug Court on May 13th. He also reported attending the Community Corrections Board Meeting, Michigan Northern Counties meeting, the Health Board meeting, the 9-1-1 Tri-County Meeting, the Forest Township Board meeting and a M.A.C. meeting in Lansing. He said the Forest Township Board is concerned with the lack of law enforcement in the township.

Commissioner Makima attended the Road Commission meeting and the Cheboygan City Council meeting. He said a hot topic at the council meeting was a proposed RV park on Duncan Avenue. He also attended the Fair Board meeting, and reported the Fair Board is working on changing its purchasing policy.

Commissioner Wallace told the Board that the Ministerial Association is totally opposed to cage fight entertainment. Discussion held. Civil Counsel Bryan Graham said the Unarmed Combat Regulatory Act states amateur mixed martial arts is exempt from state statute, if it was professional then they would be subject state regulations. Mr. Graham said he has not seen anything from the sponsor regarding insurance; he left a message for them to call him and they have not yet.

Commissioner Page advised that Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative had 90 in attendance at the rollout on June 5th in Gaylord. He said the State is scheduled to give grant money for rural broadband development. The Cooperative has been soliciting membership fees from the counties. Commissioner Page said home weatherization stimulus money has not been released by the State yet.

Commissioner Socha said she attended drug court, an Office of Emergency Management C.C.E. 9-1-1 meeting, a Burt Township meeting, and the Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Makima, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson