

**CHEBOYGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECONVENED MEETING
July 11, 2011**

The reconvened meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners 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 Linda Socha, Don Horrocks, Pete Redmond, Cal Gouine, Tony Matelski, John Wallace, and Sue Allor

Absent: None

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

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Redmond, Chair of the Board Appointments & Procedures Committee, advised of the seven interested applicants, the committee interviewed Anthony Damiano and Jeffery Lawson for the position of County Administrator. He said both interviews went very well, and after much discussion and deliberation, the committee's recommendation was to hire Jeffery Lawson. Mr. Lawson has been the village manager in Mackinaw City since 1994 and has vast experience in the various aspects of municipal management. A proposed employment agreement was distributed. Commissioner Redmond thanked all the people who applied, specifically Tony Damiano. Chairperson Socha said we do not anticipate approval today of the proposed contract, but wanted the opportunity to introduce Mr. Lawson. Commissioner Redmond said the starting date would be tomorrow and there will be a transition period for Mr. Lawson to begin work here and prepare to leave the Village of Mackinaw City.

Jeff Lawson thanked the board for the opportunity. He said he will meet tonight with the Village Council and would like to work here three days a week leaving time to wrap up things in Mackinaw and allow Mackinaw to hire a replacement. Commissioner Horrocks said it's important to allow Mr. Lawson's transition to be smooth for Mackinaw City. Chairperson Socha said she feels fortunate that he can start right away and totally understands his commitment to Mackinaw City. Chairperson Socha said the transition should be smooth since Mr. Lawson has worked with many of the groups and individuals as the Mackinaw City Village Manager who also work with the county. Commissioner Redmond said he too believes Mr. Larson will do a great job for the County, however, he will not be in attendance at the meeting tomorrow to approve the hire, but if he were he would vote in favor of the hiring.

Commissioner Wallace stated the board has experienced different formats in managing the County, and the county administrator structure seems to work the best for this county. Chairperson Socha told Mr. Lawson that the second meeting of the month is a committee of the whole meeting and that's how the board primarily operates without numerous committees. She said he will primarily work with her. Chairperson Socha welcomed Jeff and said we look forward to him starting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Commissioner Wallace welcomed the newly appointed Drain Commissioner, Cameron Cavitt.

Motion by Commissioner Redmond, seconded by Commissioner Matelski, to adjourn to the call of the Chair. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Mary Ellen Tryban
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

Linda Socha
Chairperson