1) Call to Order

2) Invocation: Pastor Nate Parsekian, Shores Community Church

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Roll Call

5) Approval of Agenda

6) Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of March 28, 2019 and Regular Meeting of April 16, 2019

7) Public Comment (on an agenda item)

8) Communication

   A. Antrim County Board of Commissioners: Resolution #17-2019 – Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 – Support the Process of Legislators to Commence Revising Bill

   B. Bay County Board of Commissioners: Resolution #2019-88 – Opposition to Slashing Federal Funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

   C. Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners: Resolution #19-06 – Support of HB 4227 The Creation of a “Committee on Michigan’s Mining Future”

9) Presentations

   A. Tribute in Recognition of Steve Jackson’s Generous Donation of a Flag Pole at Veterans Memorial Park and Tribute in Recognition of Jackson-Merkey’s Generous Donation of Equipment and Labor at Veterans Memorial Park

   B. Human Resources Update: Kristen Wade, HR Director

Public Comment

Persons may address the Commission during the time set aside for Public Comment or at any time by suspension of the rules. All persons must address the commission and state their name for the record. Comments shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each participant, unless time is extended prior to the public comment period by a vote of a majority of the commission.
10) Committee/Board Reports
   A. Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee
   B. Transportation Committee
   C. Ways & Means Committee

11) Chairman’s Report/Committee Liaison Reports
   A. Approval of Read early. Read often. Week – May 18th – May 25th, 2019
   B. Muskegon Farmers Market Open – Thursday, May 2nd
   C. Historic Hackley & Hume Sites Open – Thursday, May 2nd
   D. Hero Mud Run – Saturday, May 4th – 8 AM – 1 PM – Muskegon County Fairgrounds

12) Administrator’s Report
   - Convention Center Update

13) Old Business

14) New Business

15) Public Comment

16) Closed Session: Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) and 15.243(g)
    To Discuss Its Attorney’s April 2019 Written Legal Opinion

17) Adjournment
April 10, 2019

At the April 4, 2019 meeting of the Antrim County Board of Commissioners, the following Resolution was offered.

RESOLUTION #17-2019 By Christian Marcus, seconded by David Heeres

Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003
Support the Process of Legislators to Commence Revising Bill

WHEREAS, health care costs continue to rise for all Americans and, for some Americans this increase can be devastating; and

WHEREAS, Medicare is the focus of many lawmakers who portray it as an “entitlement” program that costs the Treasury too much money. Technically, the term “entitlement” is correct but it has an unfortunate connotation; and

WHEREAS, Medicare is an essential medical plan that millions of seniors and disabled individuals depend upon to stay alive. Medicare is not a gift, as the term “entitlement” suggests. Many of the beneficiaries have worked their entire adult life and paid into the system in order to receive this crucial medical plan; and

WHEREAS, due to spiraling costs largely associated with the price of prescription medications, our elected officials find themselves passing on increased costs to those who can least afford that increase, namely senior citizens and disabled individuals who are on Medicare’s Part D drug program; and

WHEREAS, when congress enacted Medicare Prescription Drug Bill they enacted a law that does allow Medicare to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for drug prices the way Medicaid and the Veterans Administration does; and

WHEREAS, one economist, Dean Baker, estimates that Medicare could have saved approximately $332 billion dollars between 2006 and 2013 (approximately $50 billion a year) had the Department of Health and Human Services been permitted to negotiate prices of drugs with the drug companies, as federal agencies do in other programs; and

WHEREAS, rising prescription drug costs have been the primary reason for the increase in health benefit costs; and

WHEREAS, the increasing cost of prescription drugs and outrageous profits made by pharmaceutical companies is a systemic problem that significantly affects our state and our nation. It deserves non-partisan effort; and
WHEREAS, we must prevent our elected officials from balancing the budget on the backs of those who can least afford it, the elderly and disabled. Increases in premiums and drug costs are unacceptable ways to deal with the flawed Medicare Prescription Drug Bill; and

WHEREAS, we must preserve the Medicare program as it currently exists and to do so requires immediate action to cut unnecessary costs, particularly in the area of prescription drug coverage; and

WHEREAS, we must revise the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 to allow negotiating lower drug prices and the importation of identical, cheaper, drugs from Canada and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, we cannot allow the previously approved bill to stand as adopted at the risk of having the Medicare program be the cause of a staggering increasing deficit which will require tax increases or cuts to the rest of the government, nor can we allow the continuance of price increases to our citizens cause many to contemplate discontinuing medically necessary drugs in order to pay their bills, heat their houses and have food on the table; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Antrim County Board of Commissioners goes on record urging our Legislators to commence the process of revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003 to allow negotiating lower drug prices and the importation of identical, cheaper drugs from Canada and elsewhere; and

NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our area Federal and State Legislators, the National Association of Counties, Michigan Association of Counties and the 82 Michigan Counties.

Yes — David Heeres, Joshua Watrous, Ed Boettcher, Terry VanAlstine, Brenda Rickgers,
Dawn LaVanway, Christian Marcus;
No — Karen Bargy;
Absent — Jason Helwig.

RESOLUTION #17-2019 DECLARED ADOPTED.
BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 9, 2019

RESOLUTION

BY:

WHEREAS,
The Great Lakes are a critical resource for our nation, supporting the economy and a way of life in Michigan and the other seven states within the Great Lakes region. The Great Lakes hold 20 percent of the world’s surface freshwater and 90 percent of the United States’ surface freshwater. This globally significant freshwater resource provides drinking water for more than 30 million people and directly supports 1.5 million jobs, generating $62 billion in wages; and

WHEREAS,
The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) provides essential funding to restore and protect the Great Lakes. This funding has supported long overdue efforts to clean up toxic pollution, reduce runoff from cities and farms, combat invasive species, and restore fish and wildlife habitat. Since 2010, the federal government has partnered with public and private entities and invested more than $2 billion in over 2,500 projects throughout the region. Over its first six years, the GLRI has provided more than $425 million for more than 500 projects in Michigan alone. The Brookings Institution has estimated that every dollar invested in the Great Lakes produces two dollars in long-term economic benefits; and

WHEREAS,
GLRI projects are making a significant difference. They have restored more than 150,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat; opened up fish access to more than 3,400 miles of rivers; helped implement conservation programs on more than 1 million acres of farmland; and accelerated the cleanup of toxic hotspots. In Michigan, GLRI funding has been instrumental in removing contaminated sediments from Muskegon Lake, the River Raisin, and the St. Mary’s River; in restoring habitat along the St. Clair River, Cass River, Boardman River, and the Keweenaw Peninsula; and in the delisting of White Lake in Muskegon County and Deer Lake in the Upper Peninsula as areas of concern; and

WHEREAS,
While a significant investment, past GLRI funding represents only a small portion of the amount needed to restore and protect the Great Lakes. Toxic algal blooms, beach closings, fish consumption advisories, and the presence of contaminated sediments continue to limit the recreational and commercial use of the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS,
Any cuts to GLRI funding would jeopardize the momentum from over a decade of unprecedented regional cooperation. Draft federal budgets have proposed a 97 percent reduction in GLRI funding. These cuts would be a short-sighted, short-term cost-saving measure with long-term implications. Restoration efforts will only become more expensive and more difficult if they are not addressed in the coming years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED
That the Bay County Board of Commissioners opposes slashing federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative; Be It Further

RESOLVED
That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation as well as the other 82 Michigan counties.

MICHAEL J. DURANCZYK, CHAIR
AND BOARD

Resolution sponsored by Commissioner Michael J. Duranczyk, 1st District

MOVED BY COMM. LUTZ
SUPPORTED BY COMM. RYDER

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VOTE TOTALS:
ROLL CALL:  YEAHS NAYS EXCUSED
VOICE:  YEAHS NAYS EXCUSED

DISPOSITION: ADOPTED X DEFEATED WITHDRAWN AMENDED CORRECTED REFERRED

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CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION 19-06
SUPPORTING HB 4227
THE CREATION OF A "COMMITTEE ON MICHIGAN'S MINING FUTURE"

WHEREAS, the mining industry is a vital economic contributor, not just for Upper Peninsula, but for the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Upper Peninsula counties and the State of Michigan to strengthen and develop sustainable mining practices for the future, and

WHEREAS, it is of vital importance to enhance the talent supply and demand needs of the Upper Peninsula through strategic focus on talent retention and attraction to build a strong workforce for mining in the Upper Peninsula, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of House Bill 4227 to create a Committee on Michigan's Mining Future to ensure a comprehensive plan focused on ferrous, non-ferrous, and aggregate mining industry needs such as infrastructure, transportation, energy, applied research, environmental quality, government policies, taxation, rural development, mining legacy cleanup funds, and communications and public outreach, and

WHEREAS, the proposed committee would be comprised of fifteen members with governor-appointed representatives from diverse areas of industry, state departments, environmental groups, tribal members and labor groups to meet the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities for the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners supports House Bill 4227 in the interest of strengthening and developing the future of Michigan mining practices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all counties in Michigan, the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP), the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Association of Counties, Upper Peninsula legislators and Governor Whitmer.
Motion offered at a regular meeting of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, Tuesday, April 23, 2019 by Commissioner Richard Sangster supported by Commissioner Michael Newman.

AYES: Seven (7) NAYS: Zero (0) ABSTAINS: Zero (0) ABSENT: Zero (0)

John B. Wallace, Chairperson  
Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

I, Karen L. Brewster, Clerk of the County of Cheboygan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on April 23, 2019.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Cheboygan on the 23rd day of April 2019 at Cheboygan, Michigan.

Karen L. Brewster  
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register
The Community Development/Strategic Planning Committee met on April 23, 2019, it was recommended and I move:

CD/SP19/04 – 07 To approve the amended bylaws of the Lakeshore Museum Center Board as presented.

CD/SP19/04 – 08 To adopt the License Agreement with B. Baskin Enterprises, LLC, to provide a license for the use of Heritage Landing July 3-7, 2019 for the Rockstock music festival, an Independence Day fireworks display, and a carnival, and authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement.

CD/SP19/04 – 09 To adopt the License Agreement with the City of Muskegon, to provide a license for the use of Heritage Landing July 11-13, 2019 for their “150th Anniversary Celebration” music festival, and authorize the Chairperson of the County Board to execute the agreement.
The Transportation Committee met on April 23, 2019; it was recommended, and I move:

TR19/04-15 To authorize the Muskegon Area Transit System to publish the public notice regarding the FY2019 Federal Operating and Capital assistance application and to authorize staff to execute the electronic grant application if there is no request for a public hearing.
The Ways & Means Committee met on April 23, 2019, it was recommended and I move:

WM19/04 - 42 To approve payment of the accounts payable of $7,875,815.74, covering the period of April 2, 2019 through April 11, 2019 for checks as presented by the County Clerk.

WM19/04 – 43 To approve the selection of Governmental Consulting Services to provide legislative consulting services, per County RFP 19-2343 for a three-year term with option to renew in amount not to exceed $48,000 per year.

WM19/04 – 44 To approve the resolution adopting the 2019 equalized valuation for Muskegon County as determined and submitted by the Muskegon County Equalization Department.

WM19/04 – 45 To approve the changes to the Personnel Rules, as a result of the Paid Medical Leave Act, effective March 29, 2019.

WM19/04 – 46 To award a three (3) year Insurance Brokerage Services contract, with the option of two (2), one (1) year extensions, to Arthur J Gallagher and they be compensated solely by benefit vendor’s standard commissions, effective May 1, 2019.

WM19/04 – 47 To approve the reclassification of the Recruitment Coordinator position, N61801, to a Human Resources Specialist and provide a salary range adjustment to the new Human Resources Specialist position and the two (2) existing Human Resources Specialist positions, N39702 and N39704, from pay table/grade NO-00210 ($17.89/hr - $22.531) to a NO-00218 ($18.733/hr - $23.582), effective May 1, 2019.
PROCLAMATION

"Read early. Read often." Week
May 18 - 25, 2019

WHEREAS, the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District launched a “Read early. Read often.” campaign aimed at increasing early literacy of Muskegon County children ages birth to five; and
WHEREAS, the “Read early. Read often” campaign is a county-wide effort to urge parents, siblings, grandparents and community members to read to infants and toddlers every day; and
WHEREAS, statistics show reading early and reading often teaches children to listen and focus, introduces new words, builds imagination and improves school readiness and future success in school and life; and
WHEREAS, babies and toddlers who are read to often will have heard as many as thirty million more words than children who aren’t read to; and
WHEREAS, young children who are read to at least three times per week are almost twice as likely to receive top reading scores; and
WHEREAS, research shows young children with the highest exposure to reading at home have advantages in spelling and alphabet knowledge through third grade;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners hereby declares May 18th – 25th, 2019, “Read early. Read often.” Week and encourages reading to infants and toddlers to aid in their future successes.

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Muskegon County Board of Commissioners
   Susie Hughes, Chair
   Gary Foster, Vice-Chair
   Marcia Hovey-Wright
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   Kenneth Mahoney
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April 30, 2019