

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET WORK SESSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011, 4:00 P.M.
Room 231, Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette, MI 49855
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- 1. ROLL CALL.**
- 2. APPROVAL OF BUDGET WORK SESSIONS MINUTES FOR APRIL, MAY AND JULY, 2011.**
- 3. REVIEW OF THE AGENDA.**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT.**
- 5. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS. None.**
- 6. AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - a. Controller Comments.**
 - b. Judicial Comments.**
 - c. Sheriff's Comments.**
 - d.**
 - e.**
 - f.**
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT.**
- 8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT.**

MINUTES OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET WORK SESSION HELD ON APRIL 19, 2011, 3:30 P.M. – ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855

ROLL CALL.

- Call to Order by Chair at 3:30 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette.
- Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen, and Chairperson Bergdahl. Absent and Excused: Commissioner Arsenault.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, and Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, explained that the purpose of the work session was to discuss the 2012 budget process, goals and priorities.

Commissioners and Staff discussed the 2010 and 2011 Current Fiscal Condition; 2012 Outlook of the State Budget; Revenues; and Expenditures; 2013-2015 Projections of the State Budget and Eagle Mine; 2012 County Budget including the Current Status and Calendar of the Capital Projects; the Board's Role – Tone, Direction, and the following Goals. An Unallocated General Fund Balance Projection and an Airport Stabilization Fund Projection were distributed.

- Give County Administrator the latitude to work with department directors within the goals.
- County Board and Commissioners involved if there is impasse between the County Administrator and Departments.
- Require performance-based program budgeting and results.
- Invest in capital to reduce ongoing expenses.
- With the department directors and elected officials, decide what services should be provided in Marquette County and provide the financial means to sustain the services at an acceptable level.
- Set formal budget goals and work within the goals:
 - Maintain a balanced budget – ongoing revenues shall meet or exceed the level of ongoing expenditures.
 - Timely approval - Adopt budget at Annual Meeting.
 - Budget based on current revenues, adjusted to reflect realistic and known changes.
 - Fund capital improvements and vehicle/equipment replacement.
 - Increase technology funding.
 - Manage unfunded liabilities to not compromise services for future generations – Increase funding for post-employment benefits.
 - Airport funding plan in place for 2013.
 - Keep reserves available for future projects or exit strategies.
 - Invest Funds in grant matches and opportunities with other governments.

- Commissioner Items of Interest:
 - MERS Transfer (DB expense)
 - First floor annex space
 - Information needs
 - County survey
 - Position and/or employee expenses

Commissioners engaged in discussion regarding Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB), the MERS Transfer Resolution, and Defined Benefit.

Committee of the Whole Action: After discussion, Commissioner Pellow moved to forward the MERS Transfer Resolution to the Regular Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners scheduled for April 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. (tonight's meeting) for approval. Second by Commissioner Joseph. A roll call vote was recorded: Ayes: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen, and Chairperson Bergdahl. Nays: Commissioner Quayle and Commissioner Heikkila. Motion adopted.

Commissioners then discussed the First Floor Annex Space Project. Administrator Powers gave a brief overview of the project. Anne Giroux, County Treasurer, Jacki Lykins, Deputy Equalization Director, and Carolyn Hanson, Friend of the Court, were present to explain the project and answer questions.

Committee of the Whole Action: After discussion, Commissioner Cihak made a motion to not move the Treasurer/Equalization Departments. Second by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion adopted. (Commissioner Joseph opposed). (No action was taken on moving the Friend of the Court Office).

Commissioner consensus was to send budget ideas and questions to Administrator Powers. The next Budget Work Session will be held in two weeks.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk

Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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MINUTES OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET WORK SESSION HELD ON MAY 3, 2011 AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30 P.M. (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COUNTY BOARD MEETING) – ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855

ROLL CALL.

- Call to Order by Chair at approximately 7:30 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette.
- Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Pellow, and Chairperson Bergdahl. Absent and Excused: Commissioner Arsenault and Commissioner Nordeen.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, provided a brief summary of the budget process, direction received so far from the Board of Commissioners and Commissioner requests. He announced that he is open to additional direction or consensus from the Committee of the Whole regarding specific services or service levels. Discussion followed.

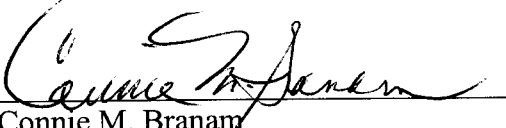
Commissioners then discussed the budget calendar presented. They also discussed a request to provide Commissioners with comparable information from other counties.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to recommend adoption of the budget calendar as presented. Second by Commissioner Cihak. Motion adopted.

Commissioner consensus was to provide Administrator Powers with a list of concerns from each Commissioner. Once compiled, the information will be provided to all Commissioners. Discussion followed.

Administrator Powers reminded Commissioners of their top five priorities which were set at previous meetings: airport funding; maintaining a balanced budget; mandated services; post-employment benefits funding plan; and a labor market study.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:07 p.m.


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Marquette County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET WORK SESSION HELD ON JULY 12, 2011, 2:00 P.M. – ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.

- Call to Order by Chair at 2:00 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette.
- Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen, and Chairperson Bergdahl. Absent and Excused: None.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion Adopted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

5. CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS. None.

6. AGENDA ITEMS.

a. Honorable Michael Anderegg-Marquette County Youth Home.

Judge Anderegg was present and spoke regarding the need for the Marquette County Youth Home. Discussion followed. No Action was taken.

b. Gary Walker, Marquette County Civil Counsel.

Gary Walker was present and spoke regarding hiring outside Civil Counsel. Discussion followed. No Action was taken.

c. Ishpeming 96th District Court and Marquette County Service Center.

Charity Mason, 96th District Court Magistrate, was present and spoke regarding the Ishpeming Service Center and the 96th District Court. Discussion followed. No Action was taken.

The remaining agenda items will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session.

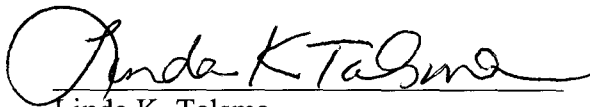
7. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. None.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40 p.m.



Linda K. Talsma
Deputy County Clerk

Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

MINUTES OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BUDGET WORK SESSION HELD ON JULY 26, 2011, 3:00 P.M. – ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.

- Call to Order by Chair at 3:00 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette.
- Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Pellow and Chairperson Bergdahl. Absent and Excused: Commissioner Arsenault and Commissioner Nordeen.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Heikkila moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion Adopted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

5. CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS. None.

6. AGENDA ITEMS.

a. Ishpeming 96th District Court and Marquette County Service Center.

Charity Mason, 96th District Court Magistrate, spoke regarding the strengths of having a District Court in Ishpeming. Honorable Dennis Girard, 96th District Court Judge, was present to answer questions.

Committee of the Whole Action: After discussion, Commissioner Pellow moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board form a Committee to update and/or continue the 2002 Space Needs Study to see what building space the County has available and the best use of our Buildings for Marquette County as a whole. The Space Needs Study Committee will consist of the following: Three County Commissioners, the Administrator, the Facility Director and the Health Officer. Second by Commissioner Heikkila. Motion adopted.

Commissioner Quayle distributed a list requesting additional information for the 2011 Budget.

b. Comparable and U.P. Counties.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained the information presented.

Committee of the Whole Action: After discussion, Commissioner Quayle moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board perform a comparison study with three counties above Marquette County with total Population and State Taxable Values (SEV), and three counties below Marquette County with total Population and State Taxable Values (SEV). Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

The Cost to Move Friend of the Court will be discussed at the next Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. None.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 p.m.



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