

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at 7:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

A Salute to the Flag was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 3, 2004 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Mike Quayle, Marquette, MI, made comments regarding the Junk Ordinance. He also commented on what tax dollars in Marquette County should be spent on and that Commissioners should be well versed. He made several suggestions regarding the upcoming budget process.

Greg Franklin, KI Sawyer, introduced himself to Commissioners as owner of Commando Contractors. He recently received the bid for the cleaning contract for the DEQ Building and appreciated Commissioners giving him a chance to do business.

There being no further comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes with 1 abstention (Comm. Joseph) that Claims and Accounts for the period February 6, 2004 through February 12, 2004 in the amount of \$582,171.45 (which includes check No. 48550 made payable to Josephs in the amount of \$4.59) be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the addition of Item 11a) DNR PILT Resolution and 11b) Discussion regarding the Road Commission Task Force.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for a public hearing regarding the Marquette Count Economic Development Corporation's Goodwill Industries of Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. Project.

Chairperson Corkin advised the public in attendance on the rules and procedures set forth regarding public hearings. No comment was forthcoming.

Chairperson Corkin closed the public hearing.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following informational items be accepted and placed on file:

- a. Schedule of Fees for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Permits.
- b. Public Act 124 of 2003 regarding County Jails and Regulations.
- c. Memo Letter regarding Snow Removal of County Road 480 and County Road 553.
- d. Memo from Michael H. Morissette, Director of Operations and Maintenance, Marquette County Road Commission, regarding Mailbox Damage.
- e. Memo from Robert E. FitzPatrick, President, Benefit Control Methods, Thanking Marquette County for its Participation in the National Prescription Health Plan.
- f. County Prescription Program Year-End Totals.
- g. Emergency Management Division Informational Letter.
- h. State Reimbursement for 2003-04 Annual Plan and Budget for Child Care Fund Expenditures.
- i. Meeting regarding the Future of the Dead River.
- j. Memo Re: Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) Plan for Region 8 – U.P.
- k. Thank You for Support of the County-Wide Watershed Program in 2003.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, 10d, 10e, 10f, and 10g as follows:

10a) Resolution to approve Goodwill Project Plan as proposed by the EDC as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROJECT PLAN FOR THE GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF NORTHERN WISCONSIN AND UPPER MICHIGAN, INC., PROJECT, AS PROPOSED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of the County of Marquette, Michigan (the "County"), as follows:

1. Authority.

- a. Pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws, Sections 125.1601 through 125.1636, as amended (the "Act"), the Board has authorized the creation of the Economic Development Corporation of the County of Marquette, Michigan (the "EDC").
- b. The Act authorizes the EDC to issue its revenue bonds and notes to finance certain projects, including the acquisition of land and buildings for use as industrial or commercial enterprises, for the public purposes of alleviating and preventing conditions of unemployment, assisting and retaining necessary industrial and commercial enterprises, and strengthening and revitalizing the economy.

2. The Project.

- a. The EDC is considering issuing a revenue note in an amount not to exceed \$1,330,000 (the "Obligation") to finance the acquisition of a 19,916-square-foot commercial facility located at 3125 U.S. 41 West in Marquette Township, Michigan (the "Project"), by Goodwill Industries of Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. (the "Corporation"), a Wisconsin nonstock, nonprofit corporation qualified to do business in the State of Michigan and an organization described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").
- b. The Project will be owned and operated by the Corporation.
- c. In accordance with Section 125.1610 of the Act, the Board hereby determines that the Project is reasonable and necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act.

3. The Project Plan.

- a. As required by the Act, the EDC has prepared a project plan for the Project, entitled "Project Plan for the Goodwill Industries of Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, Inc. Project" (the "Project Plan"), and submitted the Project Plan to the Board. A copy of the Project Plan is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- b. In accordance with section 125.1610 of the Act, the Board hereby finds that the Project Plan meets the requirements set forth in Section 125.1608 of the Act.

4. Public Purpose. In accordance with section 125.1610 of the Act, the Board hereby determines that the Project Plan constitutes a public purpose. Based on information provided by the Corporation and contained in the Project Plan, the Board finds that the Project will alleviate conditions of unemployment in the County, assist and retain an important local commercial enterprise, and strengthen and revitalize the economy of the County and the State of Michigan.

5. Persons Active in Management of Project; Proposed Method of Financing. Based on information provided by the Corporation and contained in the Project Plan, the Board hereby determines as follows:

- a. Those persons named in the Project Plan as persons who will be active in the management of the Project for not less than one year after the approval of the Project Plan have sufficient ability and experience to properly manage the Project Plan.
- b. The proposed method of financing the Project is feasible, and the EDC has the ability to arrange the financing.

6. Public Hearing.

The attached minutes are subject to correction and approval.

- a. As required by the Act, a Notice of Public Hearing calling a public hearing on the Project Plan was published in *The Mining Journal*, the County's official newspaper, mailed to the last known owner of each parcel of real property in the proposed project district area at the last known address of the owner, and posted in at least 10 conspicuous and public places in the proposed project district area, all not less than 10 days before the date of said public hearing.
 - b. As required by the Act, the Board has, on February 17, 2004 held a public hearing on the Project Plan at which all those appearing who desired to speak were heard and written comments were accepted.
7. Approval. Based on those considerations listed in Section 125.1610(2) of the Act, the Board hereby approves the Project Plan.

Adopted this 17th day of February, 2004
 Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
 Marquette County Board of Commissioners

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to accept the \$1 million purchase offer for the electric utility system at Sawyer.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Change Order not to exceed \$10,000 with Dressler Mechanical to provide return air duct work to Building 817.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve a \$30,600 loan to Ted Finco, Michael Valley, and Tony Lafaro to terms outlined waiving the minimum loan amount requirements as set forth in loan policy.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve refinancing of the original loan to Katherine A. Kroll, D.O., P.C., according to the terms outlined and waive the minimum loan amount requirements as set forth in loan policy.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to enter into a Cleaning Contract with Commando Cleaning provided all insurance certificates meet County requirements at an annual cost of \$24,500 and a daily cost of \$98.75.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to modify CANUSA's loan terms as outlined and waive the minimum loan amount requirements as set forth in loan policy.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

10h) The County Board considered a resolution opposing House Bill 5145. Comm. Wallace explained that the resolution presented last week to oppose House Bill 5145 is now a resolution to amend House Bill 5145. The Resolution amends the Public Health Code allowing individuals to request an extension of time to connect to a municipal sewer system provided there septic tank disposal system is in satisfactory condition and the individuals are connected to municipal drinking water system.

Comm. Nordeen explained he still opposes the resolution. He feels the decision should be left to the home owners and local municipalities.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and carried by voice vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin) to 3 Nays (Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, and Comm. Nordeen) that the County Board approve the resolution to amend House Bill 5145.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered the DNR PILT Resolution. The resolution is to oppose the lack of payment to local governmental units for State lands that were purchased by the State of Michigan via the Department of Natural Resources from the private sector, including many types of land for diverse uses such as trails and other uses.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE LACK OF PAYMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS FOR STATE LANDS THAT WERE PURCHASED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN VIA THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, INCLUDING MANY VARIOUS TYPES OF LAND FOR DIVERSE USES SUCH AS TRAILS AND OTHER USES

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has purchased lands for various reasons, removing property from the tax base;

WHEREAS, the private sector would have properties sold at auction for lack of tax payment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has shortened the time for payment; and

WHEREAS, the impact to local units of government from lack of payments creates an undue hardship when local services are needed; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan is proposing to close various prisons and hospitals, reduce revenue sharing, etc., due to the lack of resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the State of Michigan divest itself of purchased lands if the State is unable or unwilling to make payments, place no property on the tax rolls so that all levels of government are able to function;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DNR will purchase lands only if payment in lieu of taxes is made to respective local units.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Representative Rich Brown, Representative Stephen Adamini, State Senator Mike Prusi, Governor Granholm, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Township Association, and the Michigan Municipal League.

*Adopted this 17th day of February, 2004
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

11b) The County Board discussed the Marquette County Road Commission Task Force. Commissioners were informed that at the February 24th Committee of the Whole Meeting the Report from the Appointed County Task Force Commission will be presented. The report is a detailed final report of findings and recommendations as well as a summary report of findings from the Appointed County Task Force for the independent review of the Marquette County Road Commission. The Task Force is meeting with the Road Commission Board on February 18, 2004 to review the report. If the report changes as a result of the discussion, the Commissioners will receive a revised version. The Task Force believed it was important that the County Board of Commissioners receive the written report prior to the Task Force's discussion with the Road Commission Board.

Commissioners engaged in a discussion regarding the Task Force meeting with the Road Commission on February 18th. They discussed attendance at the meeting, distribution of the report and arrangements to hold the Committee of the Whole Meeting elsewhere to accommodate all who attend. It was Commissioner consensus that a copy of the report is available if requested.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Cihak and carried on a roll call vote 6 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Nordeen, and Comm. Corkin) to 3 Nays (Comm. Joseph, Comm. Tuominen, and Comm. Wallace) that the County Board approve attendance by anyone at the Task Force Meeting with the Road Commission on February 18, 2004.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin updated Commissioner briefly on the B-3 Project.

Comm. Wallace announced he will be absent next week attending a meeting with local health agencies.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk