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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 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. Nordeen, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Coyne and Comm. Joseph.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 20, 2004 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring Franciska C. van der Maarel on her retirement:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING FRANCISKA C. van der MAAREL ON HER RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Franciska C. van der Maarel was hired as an Independent Contractor on October 1, 1981 as a Diversion Specialist for the Juvenile Division of Probate Court; and

WHEREAS, Franciska C. van der Maarel was hired by the County of Marquette as a Diversion Specialist for the Juvenile Division of Probate Court on October 1, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Franciska C. van der Maarel will retire on January 30, 2004 after dedicating 13 years and 4 months of service to Marquette County,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Franciska C. van der Maarel for her excellent service since October, 1981; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Franciska and her husband Robert a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

*Proclaimed this 3rd day of February, 2004
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution honoring Susan A. Nebel on her retirement:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING SUSAN A. NEBEL ON HER RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Susan A. Nebel was hired on March 14, 1994 as a Deputy Clerk in the 96th District Court; and

WHEREAS, Susan A. Nebel will retire on March 12, 2004 after dedicating 10 years of service to Marquette County,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Susan A. Nebel for her excellent service since March of 1994; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Susan and her husband Jim a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

*Proclaimed this 3rd day of February, 2004
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. James Gallant, Skandia, MI, addressed the County Board regarding the appointments to the Friend of the Court Advisory Board. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period January 23, 2004 through January 29, 2004 in the amount of \$243,445.96 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

Chairperson Corkin read the following proclamation entitled STEP UP: 10,000 Steps to Good Health Campaign:

PROCLAMATION
STEP UP: 10,000 Steps to Good Health Campaign

WHEREAS, only a third of Marquette County residents are physically active; and

WHEREAS, regular physical activity reduces the risk of developing heart disease, hypertension, and diabetes, all of which are among the leading causes of death and illness; and

WHEREAS, companies with health and fitness programs report improvement in energy level, job attitude, work performance, absenteeism, turnover and overall moral—all critical factors in enhancing productivity; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health and the Wellness Council of the Upper Peninsula is to promote a healthy workforce that is physically fit and healthy by implementing programs that will help the citizens of Marquette County develop a physically active lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the "STEP UP: 10,000 Steps to Good Health" Campaign is to encourage all residents to increase the number of steps taken daily and in turn reduce health care costs and absenteeism while increasing productivity and performance, creating the healthiest workforce in the Nation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gerald Corkin, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chair of the Marquette County Commission, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2004 as "STEP UP: 10,000 Steps to Good Health" Month in Marquette County.

FURTHERMORE, I urge all residents to participate in the "STEP UP: 10,000 Steps to Good Health" Campaign.

ISSUED: This 20th day of January, 2004.
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- a. Communication from Timothy K. McGuire, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Counties, regarding Two Grants Available to Qualifying Counties.
- b. Communication from U.S. Senator Carl Levin regarding Legislative Accomplishments and Disappointments of the Past Year, and a Look Ahead to the Challenges of the Coming Year.
- c. Memo from Connie Branam, Marquette County Clerk, regarding Governor Jennifer Granholm's State of the State Address.
- d. Communication from Sue Thelen, Operating Program Unit, DEQ, regarding Pending NSR Applications Report.
- e. Thank You to Connie Branam, Marquette County Clerk, from Deb Doyle, Michigan Works! for Her Participation in "Government Day".
- f. County Clerk and Register of Deeds Attendance at UCOA.
- g. Communication from Mark Curran, President, Home Builders Association, Expressing Appreciation to Mike Grimes, Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector.
- h. Communication from MCDA, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, regarding 46th Circuit Trial Court vs. Crawford County/Funding Dispute.
- i. Memo from Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, regarding Membership of Pioneer Square, L.C.
- j. January Marquette Monthly Article: Branam Embraces Change in Clerk's Office.

ACTION ITEMS

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It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve Action Items 10a, 10b, and 10c as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a letter of support of the Negaunee Downtown Development Authority's Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan to the City of Negaunee.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to bring the County Junk Yard and Junk Vehicle Ordinance to the Marquette County Townships Association next meeting for their input before making a final decision on whether or not to repeal the ordinance.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to pay the January and February rent payments for Pioneer Square to Pioneer Square LLC.

ACTION ITEMS (cont.)

10d) The County Board considered appointments to the Friend of the Court Citizen Advisory Committee. It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following individuals be appointed to the Friend of the Court Advisory Committee in their respective categories.

- Gregg Gustafson, Sheriff's Designee.
- Cheryl Hill, Prosecuting Attorney Designee.
- Julia Hadas, Family Independence Agency Director.
- John McBride, Custodial Parent Representative.
- Diane Goodman, Mental Health Professional.

The following were appointed to the Friend of the Court Advisory Committee on a roll call ballot in their respective categories:

- Msgr. Louis Cappo, Advocate for Children.
- Greg MacGregor, Non-Custodial Parent Representative.
- Paul Marin, Attorney who Engages in the Family Law Practice.
- Tassi Hodgins, Public Category.

The County Board considered Informational Item 9a from Suzanne Curry, Kendricks, Bordeau, Adamini, Chilman, and Greenlee, P.C. regarding Pioneer Square L.C.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorize Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, to review documentation related to Pioneer Square, L.C. Allowing Mr. Andrews to review this information will assist him in making any necessary determinations regarding the status of Pioneer Square, L.C.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered Goodwill Industries expansion. The Economic Development Corporation of Marquette County has been working with Goodwill Industries. The EDC will be issuing revenue bonds, backed by revenues from Goodwill. The bonds will not be County general obligation bonds. The EDC has retained bond counsel, Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Frederick. Bond Counsel has prepared a resolution. The County Board is required to certify the project area, establish the boundaries, determine that a Project Citizens District Counsel is not needed, and schedule a public hearing. A Citizens Counsel is not needed because of the small size of the district. The EDC Board will be expanded by two members from the Marquette Township Board. Their EDC membership is for the duration of the project. The public hearing will be February 17, 2004. There will be no impact on the County Budget. Costs for revenue bond issue will be paid by the project.

Mike Gokey, EDC Director, was present to explain the project and answer questions.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve of Goodwill Industries Expansion by approving the resolution certifying the project area, establishing project district boundaries, declaring necessity of establishing the Project Citizens District Counsel, appointing two members to the EDC Board and calling for a public hearing on the project.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. James Gallant, Skandia, Michigan, addressed the County Board regarding the Friend of the Court Advisory Committee.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Corkin announced that the next Committee of the Whole meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at 6:00 P.M. due to the MAC Conference.

Comm. Cihak discussed the \$176 fee charged to the Democratic Party for use of the Commissioner's Room for the Democratic Caucus.

Chairperson Corkin commended County Clerk Connie Branam for the good job she has been doing since being sworn into office.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk