

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 1 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. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Tuominen, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Cihak and Comm. Wallace

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on May 18, 2004 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Jim Iwanicki, Road Commission Engineering Director, stated that he made an error at the last meeting regarding the Health Insurance savings.

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

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period May 21, 2004 through May 27, 2004 in the amount of \$470,529.63 and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending May 22, 2004 in the amount of \$564,831.41 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Nordeen, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved as presented.

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

- a. Communication from Department of Health and Human Services Certificate of Recognition for Dedication to Creating a Donation Friendly America as a Workplace Partner for Life.
- b. Court Equity Fund Second Quarter Disbursement.
- c. DEQ Air Quality Divisions Review Application Report.
- d. News Release: Erickson Names UPPCO President.
- e. Communication from Mark Stanley, Director, Advanced Technology Program, regarding U.P. Fabricating Company, Inc. submitted to the Advanced Technology Program (ATP).
- f. Training Opportunity: Introduction to Emergency Management.
- g. Communication from Department of Labor and Economic Growth regarding Closure of PE 04-033.
- h. Department of Labor and Economic Growth Bureau of Construction Codes and Fire Safety Notice of Public Hearing.
- i. Communication from Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator, regarding Funding Request for FAA Federal Contract Tower Program.
- j. Communication from Chocolay Township regarding Closure of the Ishpeming Secretary of State Branch Office.
- k. Communication from DEQ regarding Recently Enacted Solid Waste Legislation.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10a, 10b, 10c, and 10d be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Construction Bid for Buildings 426 and 428 Roof Replacement to Bell Roofing with a total bid of \$26,808. \$12,208 of the Project will be funded by the Sawyer International Airport and \$14,600 will be funded by Caretaker.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation that the County Board contact Sen. Michael Prusi requesting the language be modified to hold counties harmless regarding Sec. 537 in a Senate FIA Appropriation Subcommittee Report on the FIA Budget. The ratio in Marquette County is below 20:1, but the Marquette County Board is concerned about future expenses.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to place the Marquette County Road Commission Task Force Report on file and request the Marquette County Road Commission to provide quarterly reports for the next 12 months detailing progress made at the Marquette County Road Commission.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send all 9 applicants a copy of the Task Force Report detailing the problems at the Marquette County Road Commission as well as the Road Commission, Union Employee, and Township responses to those problems. In addition, the candidates be invited to attend the June 8, 2004 Committee of the Whole meeting to introduce themselves and answer questions.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Mike Quayle, 1700 Mildred Avenue, Marquette, questioned the County Board regarding the Telkite payment due June 1, 2004.

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

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that Telkite has not secured the financing and is not able to pay the County for the Agreement on 6/1/2004. Also, the County does not have title to the entire ACN Complex which includes four buildings. The second phase of the Telkite/County Agreement was for that complex to be conveyed. The deeds for a portion of that property are with the Air Force. He expects those documents to be arriving by the end of the month if not sooner.

Commissioners and Staff discussed alternatives, if any, regarding the Telkite Agreement.

Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel, explained that once the documents are received from the Air Force they need to be recorded. When they are returned to him from the Register of Deeds Office he then has to order title insurance. Within a week or so after assuming clear title the County will be ready to proceed.

It was moved by Comm. Tuominen, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, that the County grant Telkite five business days from the time the County is prepared to transfer the property in which to make the \$1 million payment to the County. A roll call vote was taken 3 Nays (Comm. Coyne, Comm. Joseph, and Comm. Nordeen) to 4 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Tuominen, and Comm. Corkin). Motion fails. (There was not a majority vote of the Board elected and serving).

Commissioners and Staff continued the discussion with regard to a commitment letter or a letter of credit from the financial institution. Comm. Coyne understood that a Letter of Commitment was as good as a check. Comm. consensus was to have check in hand. Comm. Coyne requested the motion be reconsidered.

It was then moved by Comm. Coyne, seconded by Comm. Tuominen, and carried on a roll call vote 5 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Coyne, Comm. Tuominen, Comm. Corkin) to 2 Nays (Comm. Joseph and Comm. Nordeen) that the County Board grant Telkite five business days from the time the County is prepared to transfer the property in which to make the \$1 million payment to Marquette County.

Comm. Nordeen questioned Governor Granholm's proposed Revenue Sharing Plan.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the Governor's proposed budget had included a suspension of Revenue Sharing Payments to counties. That amount is approximately \$185 million. The Legislature is considering an Appropriations Bill that would reduce revenue sharing to all units of government that receive statutory revenue sharing from Marquette County. If the \$185 million is taken from all statutory revenue sharing, the reduction to Marquette County would be 17%. If during the budget process the amount is taken just from counties, the reduction to Marquette County would be 40%.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk