
The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, 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. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent and excused: Comm. Arsenault.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Organizational meeting held on January 4, 2005 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Jim Gallant, Skandia, addressed the County Board regarding the Citizens Friend of the Court Advisory Committee. He thanked the County Board for their efforts so far and urged them to continue the Committee.

Mike Quayle, 1700 Mildred Avenue, raised concerns with the Board of Commissioners Rules of Order, in particular Rule VII-1 regarding roll call votes, Commissioners Present Excuse. Mr. Quayle also distributed the National Association of Counties Code of Ethics for Elected Officials. He urged the County Board to adopt a Code of Ethics or include it with the Board of Commissioners Rules of Order. He also suggested the County Board schedule their Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:00 and the County Board meeting at 6:00.

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

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period January 7, 2005 through January 13, 2005 in the amount of \$421,262.09 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Wallace and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with addition of Item 11a) Appointments to the EDC Board.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- a. Ski Week USA – January 23rd thru 30th.
- b. Communication from the Department of Environmental Quality regarding USGS Baseline Hydrologic Assessment of the Yellow Dog Plains.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to disband the Citizens Friend of the Court Advisory Committee. Commissioners were assured by Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel, that citizens have other avenues of recourse in filing grievances against the Office of the Friend of the Court. They can either file a grievance directly with the Friend of the Court, the Circuit Court, or they may motion the Circuit Court to request a change in order of custody or support in place.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation and disband the Citizens Friend of the Court Advisory Committee effective immediately.

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

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to send a Letter of Support to MDOT and our Legislators urging the 45 mph speed limit and flashing beacons to be erected on both approaches to the Champion Fire Hall on US-41/M-28.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the 2004 Year End Budget Amendments as follows:

Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Amendments #37-49 under separate document

Motion made by Comm. Pellow, supported by Comm. Struck, to adopt the foregoing resolution; Upon roll call vote, the following vote was recorded

	AYE	NAY		AYE	NAY
P. Arsenault	<u>Absent</u>	<u> </u>	N. Joseph	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
C. Bergdahl	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	D. Pellow	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
J. Cihak	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	B. Struck	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
G. Corkin	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	H. Wallace	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
B. Heikkila	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>			

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution duly adopted this 18th day of January, 2005.

10d) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve amendments to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order. Discussion was held regarding a Code of Ethics as presented by Mr. Quayle.

Comm. Cihak requested the County Board delay adopting the amendments to the Rules of Order to consider including a Code of Ethics.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Pellow and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak) that the County Board approve the amendments to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order as follows:

“V-3. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

A motion for reconsideration of a decision shall be in order when:

1. The motion is made at the same meeting or the following meeting and by one who voted with the prevailing side on the original motion; or,
2. Made by a commissioner who was absent at the time of the vote on the original motion, at the first meeting attended by that commissioner subsequent to the meeting at which the vote on the original motion was taken; or,
3. At any time by a new commissioner seated since the vote on the original motion.

V-4. MOTION TO RESCIND. Subsection 3

3. The original motion accepted a resignation or made an appointment, and the other party has already been informed of the action.

VII-1. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONERS PRESENT; EXCUSE.

A roll call vote shall proceed alphabetically from the person making the motion, with the Chair voting last. Every member who shall be present when a question is last stated by the Chair, and no others, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him/her, or unless he/she be prohibited by law from voting on the question.

VII-2. ROLL CALL VOTES.

A roll call vote shall be taken on any question when called for by any member of the Board, and on any question upon which the vote is not unanimous. Otherwise, all votes shall be by acclamation. The Chair shall determine and announce the outcome of each vote.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Staff to review the Code of Ethics presented and come back to the County Board with possible recommendation.

10e) The County Board considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve Marquette County’s Purchasing Policy.

On January 11, 2005 the County Board directed Administrator Powers to lower the threshold for formal sealed bids to \$10,000 and adjust other dollar amounts accordingly.

Commissioners discussed Sec. 5D which states *rejection of bids or no bids received in his or her discretion, the County Administrator may reject any and all bids presented and re-advertise for bids, or may*

negotiate with bidders. If no bids are received, the Board of Commissioners may award the project by a negotiated contract.

Comm. Pellow stated the County Board should reject any and all bids presented, re-advertise for bids or negotiate with bidders. She suggested removing Section D from the Purchasing Policy.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the policy is not intended to describe every possible scenario. It is intended to provide the Chief Appointed Administrative Officer some discretion with regards to the processing of various items. He explained that certainly if there is a bid situation where there is a question as to whether the bid meets the specification, that will continue. He explained various scenarios. He feels staff is capable of making judgment decisions. He also explained that lowering the threshold to \$10,000 is a good balance between the efficiency and still providing control at the Board level. Discussion followed.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve Marquette County's Purchasing Policy with the exception of Sec. 5D and direct the County Administrator to redraft this section.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered appointments to the EDC Board. Chairperson Corkin explained that positions are needed due to lack of quorums to conduct business. The County Board received two applications, John Jilbert, Marquette, and Peter Hendrickson, Marquette.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Struck and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board appoint John Jilbert of Marquette and Peter Hendrickson of Marquette to the EDC Board.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

James Gallant, Skandia, expressed his disappointment of Board action to disband the Citizens Friend of the Court Advisory Committee.

Rod Wiest, Chair, of the Champion-Humboldt Emergency Services Board, thanked the County Board for their support of the request for flashing beacons and a reduced speed limit. He distributed a memo from Don Gustafson, Traffic and Safety Engineer from MDOT, explaining MDOT's action.

Chairperson Corkin explained that this issue needs support. It is definitely needed.

Comm. Struck would like to see a response from MDOT after MDOT reviews the Board Letter of Support. Comm. Struck stated that this stretch of highway kills people!

Comm. Pellow suggested Don Gustafson visit the site and a copy of the letter of support be sent to Andy Sikima.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Pellow requested discussion of possible revision of the Board Meeting Schedule be placed on the February 8, 2005 Committee of the Whole Agenda.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk