

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2005, at 6:30 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Vice-Chairperson Bergdahl called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Bergdahl. Absent and excused: Chairperson Corkin and Comm. Heikkila.

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 Regular meeting held on July 5, 2005 be approved.

PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND AWARDS

Comm. Cihak read the following proclamation honoring Stephen P. Enright on his retirement:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION HONORING
STEPHEN P. ENRIGHT ON HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality, and quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Stephen P. Enright was hired on November 13, 1979 as a Custodian in the Buildings and Grounds Department; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 1983 Steve was awarded the position of Account Clerk in the 96th District Court; and

WHEREAS, in May, 1985 Steve was awarded the position of Facilities Mechanic I in the Facilities Maintenance Department, and on February 21, 1986 was promoted to Facilities Mechanic II; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 1993 Steve was awarded the position of Planner in the Resource Management/Development Department, and on April 20, 1998 was awarded the position of Community Development Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Steve will retire on July 29, 2005 after dedicating 25 years 8 ½ months of service to Marquette County,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Stephen P. Enright for his 25 years 8 ½ months of excellent service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Steve and his wife Patricia a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

*Proclaimed this 20th day of July, 2005
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Mr. Enright accepted the award and encouraged Commissioners to continue to support the County Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Vice-Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period July 8, 2005 through July 14, 2005 in the amount of \$303,806.25 be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following addition: Item 11a) 2% Funds Agreement for Celebration of Seven Generations.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following informational item was accepted and placed on file:

- a. State of Michigan Public Service Commission Notice of Hearing.

ACTION ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Item 10a, and 10b be approved as follows:

10a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize Mr. Greg Sicotte, Building Codes Official, to purchase one-year of generic service credit towards retirement from the County of Marquette.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Lease Renewal with Delphi Corp.

ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED

10c) The County Board a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Strategic Plan.

Comm. Struck explained that although he does support the Plan, he is disappointed with the product. He felt Commissioners were limited by the process on some of the ideas which were discussed during the Strategic Planning Session. Comm. Struck realizes that the County Board needs to prioritize. The ideas in the Strategic Plan are good and the County needs to move forward. He would like to see a better document.

Comm. Pellow questioned the timetable being prepared by Administrator Powers.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, stated that additional detail will be added. He will be reviewing the objectives and preparing a tighter draft document. The draft could be presented as early as next Tuesday.

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Strategic Plan and directed Steve Powers, County Administrator, to submit the timetable for goals and objectives. He will present the timeframe indicating when and how the objectives could be met.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered Two Percent Funds Agreement for Celebration of Seven Generations. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is providing two percent funds for a Pow Wow in Big Bay. The funds will be provided to the Lake Superior Chippewa of Marquette.

The Board of Commissioners may choose to accept two-percent revenues for services, programs, and purposes that counties are legally able to fund. Civil Counsel has reviewed the proposed use and agreement and determined the County may fund activities or projects that advance the historical interests of the County.

The Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is not required to distribute casino revenues in Marquette County. The Board of Commissioners can choose how the two percent funds will be spent, but a future consequence of such a decision would likely be less funding from the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The Tribal Council has chosen to use two percent funds to help support community services and programs in Marquette County. The event is July 29th, 30th, and 31st.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe has provided \$2,000 in two percent funds. The Lake Superior Chippewa of Marquette is requesting the funds be provided to produce the Celebration of the Seven Generations.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorize the Agreement with the Lake Superior Chippewa of Marquette for the two percent funds for Celebration of Seven Generations.

Vice-Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Pellow questioned whether the Telkite Letter of Credit has been reviewed. She also questioned the budget process.

Comm. Wallace commented on the National Fluoridation Symposium in Chicago.

Comm. Cihak questioned the 2004 Year End Excess Fund Balance.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that Anderson & Tackman will be presenting a review of the audit on August 9th. He explained that the 2004 General Fund ended in good shape because of good policy, good managers, and good luck.

There being no further business to become before the County Board the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk