

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, at 6:30 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Pro Tem Corkin called the meeting to order. Present: Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

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

County Clerk Connie Branam opened the meeting for nominations for Chairperson. Comm. Wallace nominated Comm. Corkin. Comm. Pellow nominated Comm. Bergdahl. A roll call vote was recorded. Comm. Gerald O. Corkin was elected Chairperson of the County Board.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for nominations for Vice-Chair. Comm. Pellow nominated Comm. Bergdahl. Comm. Arsenault nominated Comm. Struck. A roll call vote was recorded. Comm. Charles Bergdahl was elected Vice-Chair of the County Board.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners regular meeting held on December 20, 2005 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Gene Champagne, Lighthouse Road in Big Bay, addressed the County Board regarding the Resolution adopted supporting a Mining Advancement and Reclamation Board. Mr. Champagne stated that although the resolution is good and well written, citizen groups were left out. The Resolution states that the Mining Advancement and Reclamation Board would consist of representatives of local units of government, operators, and the MDEQ. No representation of any citizen organizations. He stated that the grass roots organization has worked hard and has been very involved. He is willing to discuss the issue with the County Board. He emphasized the need for a local citizen group representative to be included in the Reclamation Board. He feels the local townships and cities officials are very busy and the citizen groups have been more involved than the local elected officials.

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

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Arsenault and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin) to 1 Abstention (Comm. Joseph) that Claims and Accounts for the period December 17, 2005 through December 29, 2005 in the amount of \$447,841.28, including expenditure check No. 69193 in the amount of \$74.94 made payable to Joseph's (Affidavit of Disclosure follows); and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending December 17, 2005 in the amount of \$304,052.27 be approved.

AFFIDAVIT OF DISCLOSURE

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PURSUANT TO MCL 15.323(2)(a)

COUNTY OF MARQUETTE)
)SS
STATE OF MICHIGAN)

Nick Joseph, a Marquette County Commissioner, being duly sworn, hereby submits this Affidavit pursuant to the provisions of MCL 15.323(2)(a):

1. The Final Disbursement List submitted for approval at this January 3, 2006, meeting of the County Board of Commissioners includes Check No. 069193, dated December 22, 2005, payable to Joseph's in the amount of \$74.94, in payment for Veteran's Check food order;
2. I hereby disclose that I have a personal financial interest in Joseph's Foodland, Inc., d/b/a Joseph's Super Valu, which is as follows:

Sole Shareholder

3. I hereby certify that any direct benefit I personally will receive from this payment to Joseph's will be less than \$250.00, and will be less than 5% of the total payment of \$74.94.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2006.

/S/

Nick Joseph

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved with the following late addition: Item 11a) Appointment to the MarqTran Board.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- a. Thank You Letter from State Representative Rich Brown regarding the Proposed Funding Cuts for U.P. EMS.

Comm. Struck thanked the County Board again for the support for U.P. EMS. He updated Commissioners on other counties that have passed similar resolutions supporting U.P. EMS.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the following Regular and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2006.

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2006 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

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January 3, 2006 (Organizational Meeting)	July 5, 2006 *Wednesday
January 17, 2006	July 18, 2006
February 7, 2006	August 1, 2006
February 21, 2006	August 15, 2006
March 8, 2006 *Wednesday	September 5, 2006
March 21, 2006	September 19, 2006
April 4, 2006	October 3, 2006
April 11, 2006 (Equalization Meeting)	October 10, 2006 (Annual Meeting)
April 18, 2006	October 17, 2006
May 2, 2006	November 7, 2006
May 16, 2006	November 21, 2006
June 6, 2006	December 5, 2006
June 20, 2006	December 19, 2006

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2006 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULE**

(All meetings on Tuesday at 6:30 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex, Marquette, Michigan, unless otherwise noted)

January 10, 2006	July 11, 2006
January 24, 2006	July 25, 2006
February 15, 2006 *Wednesday	August 9, 2006 *Wednesday
February 28, 2006	August 23, 2006 *Wednesday
March 14, 2006	September 12, 2006
March 28, 2006	September 26, 2006
April 11, 2006 (Also Equalization Meeting)	October 10, 2006 (Also Annual Meeting)
April 25, 2006	October 24, 2006
May 9, 2006	November 14, 2006
May 23, 2006	November 28, 2006
June 13, 2006	December 12, 2006
June 27, 2006	December 27, 2006 *Wednesday

10b) The County Board considered the annual review of the County Board of Commissioners Rules of Order. Comm. Wallace suggested a slight modification to Section V-3 Motion for Reconsideration 3. "At any time by a new Commissioner seated since the vote on the original motion." Comm. Wallace requests that consideration be given for a time limitation on that item. He suggests one to two months.

Commissioners discussed the modification.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board direct Harley Andrews, Civil Counsel, to draft language modifying Section V-3.3 to

include a time limitation and that the language be brought back to the County Board before final approval of the Rules of Order.

10c) The County Board discussed an agreement with A. Dwight Sunday, Equalization Director. Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that this Agreement it is a request from Mr. Sunday to be an independent contractor to the County. Mr. Powers explained that the change is beneficial to him and also beneficial to the County because it retains Mr. Sunday with the Level IV Property Assessor Certification the County is required to have, and it saves the County approximately \$3,000.

Mr. Powers is confident Mr. Sunday can do the work and the responsibilities that are required in the time that is set forth in this Agreement. He recommends favorable consideration of the Independent Contractor Agreement and authorize the County Board Chair to sign.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with A. Dwight Sunday, Equalization Director, and authorize signature by the Board Chair.

10d) The County Board considered Space CS Draw-Period Extension. Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager, was present and explained that in June of 2005, the County Board of Commissioners approved an IRP Loan request in the amount of \$250,000 for Space CS. To date, \$78,614 of the \$250,000 has been drawn by Space CS. Since Space CS is not operating at Sawyer yet, the IRP Committee has advised Mr. Tandra, owner of Space CS, that it is their recommendation that the remaining loan funds be frozen until they are presented with a new Business Plan and updated schedule. Mr. Tandra is preparing the updates. It is Staff's understanding that Mr. Tandra is now purchasing the former legal building (731) rather than having a land contract. The loan closing is scheduled for December 29th.

The original loan is for five years, but there is only a six month draw-period. Unless extended the draw period ends January 7, 2006. To extend the draw-down period, the County Board needs to authorize Staff to submit a letter to Wells Fargo requesting the extension. Extending the draw-period does not mean the loan funds will be automatically disbursed. All criteria for use of the funds will remain the same. The loan funds were approved for building retrofit, purchase of equipment and inventory. Mr. Erbisch is recommending the extension.

Comm. Arsenault, member of the IRP Loan Committee, explained that because of the extension, the County may want to consider some additional changes of terms of the Agreement. He stated that there is no problem extending the draw-down period. No money will be allowed until a new Business Plan and Updated Schedule are provided.

Commissioners discussed Space CS drawing funds from the IRP Loan when they are not yet at Sawyer. Comm. Joseph stated that the County should go no further until Space CS is ready to occupy the building at Sawyer. He stated that they have not so far followed policy.

Mr. Erbisch explained that the loan closing scheduled for December 29th was postponed to January 4, 2006. He again stated that the draw-period ends January 7, 2006 and Space CS would have to reapply. If the draw-period expires and can't be revisited by the County Board they would have to reapply for any IRP monies.

Commissioner consensus was to wait to take any action until Space CS is approved for the loan. Mr. Erbisch will keep the board updated.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered an appointment to the MarqTran Board. Chairperson Corkin explained that Mayor Tony Tollefson stated that it was the intent of the Marquette City Commission that

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Gordon Peterson be named as the City of Marquette's representative to the MarqTran Board. On December 20th Dan Dallas was appointed but cannot serve due to time commitments.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board appoint Gordon Peterson as the City of Marquette's Representative to the MarqTran Board.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Wallace announced he will be absent from the meeting next week to attend a Public Health meeting in San Diego.

Comm. Heikkila, updated Commissioners on the Commission on Aging issue. The Marquette County Commission on Aging is having another work session on Monday, January 9, 2006. He suggested an informal discussion with AMCAB representatives, Commission on Aging representatives, the four Senior Centers, and two Commissioners.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers during the illness of his son. He is home and a full recovery is expected.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk