

**The attached minutes are subject to correction and approval**

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at 6:00 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. Joseph, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin. Absent: None.

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 Tuesday, April 3, 2007 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

Dave Hall, Ewing Township, addressed the County Board regarding his application to the Road Commission. He stated even though he is from the southern end of the County it is not be the focal point of wanting to serve on the Road Commission. He believes the County has critical issues that need to be addressed such as budget issues. If appointed he will work with the entire team to work on crucial issues before the Road Commission.

James Gallant, Skandia, spoke regarding the Road Commission appointments. He believed the appointment process should be rescinded. He believed the appointments should be made according to the Roberts Rules of Order.

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period April 3, 2007 through April 13, 2007 in the amount of \$327,099.62, and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending April 17, 2007 in the amount of \$594,329.99 be approved.

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote to place the following informational items on file:

- a. Letter from 110<sup>th</sup> District Representative Mike Lahti regarding the Current Budget Crisis and the Importance of Conservation District Funding.
- b. Letter from 110<sup>th</sup> District Representative Mike Lahti regarding Marquette County's Support on Michigan Economic Development Programs and Goals for Bringing Michigan Back.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) The County Board of Commissioners considered the appointment of one member to the Road Commission. On roll call ballot, David E. Hall, Ewing Township, was appointed to the Marquette County Road Commission for a term expiring 12/31/07.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Action Items 10b, 10c, 10e, 10f, and 10g be approved as follows:

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10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the Water/WWTP Truck bid to Frei Chevrolet of Marquette, Michigan in the amount of \$31,997.00

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve continuation of the Letter of Understanding between Marquette County and the Marquette County Road Commission.

10e) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Ishpeming Service Center Change Order #1.

10f) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to grant permission to West Branch Township for the use of the former ball fields located at the corner of Fifth Street and Avenue B, for the West Branch Township Rodeo, grant permission to the Skandia Lions Club to sell beer and wine coolers at the event, and authorize the County Administrator to execute the necessary Agreements.

10g) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to enter into a License Agreement with the Forsyth Township Little League Association, at no cost to the Little League provided that they can meet the County's Insurance requirements, to use the former ball fields off of Scorpion beginning May 1, 2007 through September, 2007.

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

10d) The County Board Considered a Committee of the Whole Recommendation to enter into a Lease Agreement with Mr. Joe Vultaggio for Parcel B3-1.

Comm. Joseph questioned the square footage of the building and the cost per square foot.

Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, explained the building is approximate 12,000 square feet and is approximately \$2 psf.

Comm. Joseph has concerns regarding the lease payments being applied to the purchase price and losing revenue. He stated the County is losing approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000 and will be making up approximately \$4,200 of the rent factor.

Comm. Bergdahl stated the building is still being sold at \$180,000 and Mr. Vultaggio has made improvements. He believes the County should help a local person providing local jobs. The EDC and the local banks are working to help Mr. Vultaggio. Marquette County should support Mr. Vultaggio.

Chairperson Corkin stated the Board makes deals with businesses at Sawyer because of the number of empty buildings. He believes the buildings should be put to use and make them productive.

Comm. Heikkila stated the building is occupied, it is being taken care of, we do not have another prospective tenant, and jobs are being created.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Heikkila and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Joseph) that the Committee of the Whole enter into a Lease Agreement with Mr. Joe Vultaggio for Parcel B3-1 with the stated conditions.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

James Gallant, Skandia, stated he is disappointed the Board did not take corrective action regarding the Road Commission appointments. He also had concerns regarding alcohol sale at the West Branch Township Rodeo. He believed the Marquette County Coalition for Substance Abuse formula for consumption of alcohol should be followed.

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David E. Hall, Ewing Township, thanked the Board for appointing him to the Road Commission. He stated he will do his very best to work with the team and hopefully see improvements to communities in the future.

Arnold Sirtola, Ewing Township Supervisor, stated he believed Dave Hall will be a tremendous asset to the Road Commission.

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

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Comm. Wallace supported Mr. Gallant's comments regarding the sale of alcohol at the West Branch Township Rodeo. He stated he has been in contact with the Marquette County Health Department regarding scheduling a presentation to the Board of Commissioners and to the Lions Club on the 0-1-1-3 Program. He hoped the Skandia Lions Club would adopt the 0-1-1-3 Program.

There being no further business to come before the County Board of Commissioners, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janice R. Mason  
Deputy County Clerk