

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 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. Heilkkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, and Comm. Corkin.

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 May 6, 2008 be approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

3a) Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring George F. Hough on his Retirement.

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
HONORING SERVICE OF GEORGE F. HOUGH  
ON HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and

WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, George F. Hough was hired as a Water/Wastewater Operator III for the K.I. Sawyer Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant on April 19, 1997; and

WHEREAS, George was promoted to the Water/Wastewater Supervisor on July 21, 1997 for K.I. Sawyer Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

WHEREAS, George spent four years in the Air Force at K.I. Sawyer as an E8 Operator at the Water and Wastewater Plant beginning in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Nine months after serving with the Air Force, George was hired as a Civilian employee with the Sawyer Water and Wastewater System and then in 1997 by Marquette County; and

WHEREAS, George also served 22 years in the National Guard. He retired from the National Guard as an Intelligence Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, George also provided critical leadership through the transition from a military operated system to a municipally owned and operated water and wastewater system.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to George F. Hough for his 11 years of excellent service to Marquette County and 47 total years of service at Sawyer in the Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant; and

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

Proclaimed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

*Mr. Hough was present and thanked the County Board for the opportunity to work for Marquette County.*

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3b) Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring Jim B. Moore on his Retirement.

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
HONORING SERVICE OF JIM G. MOORE  
ON HIS RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality;  
and

WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, Jim was hired as an Equipment Operator I for the K.I. Sawyer Public Works Department on April 19, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Jim was promoted to Airport Maintenance Technician on February 2, 2000 for Sawyer International Airport; and

WHEREAS, Jim's hard work and diligent efforts to keep the airfield operational have aided in Sawyer International Airport's growth in passenger traffic; and

WHEREAS, because of his mastery and knowledge of most heavy equipment operations he could look at a given situation and quickly determine the best and most efficient way to complete a project; and

WHEREAS, Jim has earned the respect and admiration of all of those that have worked with him at Sawyer;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Jim G. Moore for his 11 years of excellent service to Marquette County and 32 total years of service at Sawyer; and

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

Proclaimed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008  
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

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

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, addressed the County Board regarding Pathways Abuse and Neglect Policy.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period May 10, 2008 through May 16, 2008 in the amount of \$214,388.66 be approved.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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

9a) Michigan Department of Transportation’s 2008 Construction Plans.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) It was moved by Comm. Arsenaault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, 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 approve the Marquette County Jail Bed Expansion Project and Lease Mangum Farm from the State of Michigan for use as a detention facility for low risk inmates.

10b) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Proposed Health Department Fee Schedule Adjustments as presented by Dr. Johnson, Marquette County Health Department, effective immediately upon approval.

10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to support the bid award as recommended by MDOT to Associated Construction, Inc. of Negaunee, Michigan, in the amount of \$573,014.67, *pending the passage of the Capital Outlay Bill by the Michigan Legislature*, allowing for the State of Michigan to accept Federal Airport Improvement Program Funds from the FAA, and for the FAA to provide issuance of the Grant to Marquette County, and further that Chairperson Corkin be authorized to sign all copies of the contract issued by MDOT upon receipt, apply a County seal, and return all contracts in time for MDOT to issue a Notice to Proceed for construction to begin shortly after Marquette County takes formal acceptance of the grant.

10d) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize the Community Corrections Coordinator to submit to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Office of Community Corrections, application for the above programs run by the Marquette CCAB through the Marquette County Sheriff’s Office.

**ACTION ITEMS CON’T.**

10e) The County Board considered an Addendum to the Computer Software Agreement between the Register of Deeds and Fidlar Technologies. Patricia Manley, Register of Deeds, was present and explained that the LifeCycle Agreement renewal will begin upon expiration of the existing LifeCycle Agreement. Billing will continue to be broken down into four quarterly payments per year for \$8,373.00 per quarter. This LifeCycle Contract will provide service for three years. Ms. Manley stated that this Agreement has been reviewed by Civil Counsel, and the money will be taken from the Automation Fund. She explained that of every document recorded, \$5.00 of the fee goes into the Automation Fund.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Addendum to the Computer Software Agreement (LifeCycle Renewal) between the Register of Deeds and Fidlar Technologies.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, addressed the County Board regarding Mangum Farm and Pathways Abuse and Neglect Policy.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Corkin reported on the U.P. County Commissioners Conference held in Brimley, Michigan. He explained that one of the highlights was the presentation by the U.P. Board of 9-1-1 Directors. Joe VanOosterhout was also in attendance. A historical presentation was given on 9-1-1, and a Resolution passed by the U.P. County Commissioners supporting authority of 9-1-1 Services. He also explained that currently the 9-1-1 Law sunsets next February. The U.P. is in good hands with the 9-1-1 Leadership.

The Legislators in attendance were reminded to support the Capital Outlay Bill. He sincerely hopes this issue will get resolved.

The State Budget Projections were also discussed at the Conference and the State Budget does not look good!!

Comm. Pellow announced that the Big Bay Harbor will be dredged this year in early summer! Finally!!

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk