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The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 6:00 P.M., in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Annex, 234 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, Michigan.

Chairperson Pro Tem Gerald 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. No other nominations were forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Gerald O. Corkin as Chairperson.

Chairperson Corkin thanked the County Board for their continued support and confidence in him as its Chairperson.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Comm. Wallace nominated Comm. Pellow. Comm. Arsenault nominated Comm. Struck. A roll call vote was recorded. Comm. Pellow received 6 votes (Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Wallace, and Chairperson Corkin) and Comm. Struck received 3 votes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Struck).

Comm. Pellow was elected Vice-Chair of the County Board.

Comm. Pellow thanked the County Board.

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 December 18, 2007 be approved.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, requested the County Board move the Agenda before Public Comment when approving the County Board Rules of Order. He also congratulated Comm. Pellow as Vice-Chair and thanked Bob Struck for his service in the past year as Vice-Chair. He also addressed the County Board regarding a one minute warning during public comment and a request regarding 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. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the agenda be approved as presented.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

There were no informational items for approval.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) The County Board considered its 2008 Regular and Committee Meeting Schedules. Comm. Arsenault suggested the Chair and Vice-Chair consider canceling a meeting if there is a lighter than usual agenda.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the following meeting schedule for 2008:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
2008 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

(All meetings on Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex, Marquette, Michigan, unless otherwise noted)

<b>January 8, 2008</b> ( <i>Organizational Meeting</i> )	<b>July 1, 2008</b>
<b>January 15, 2008</b>	<b>July 16, 2008</b> * <i>Wednesday</i>
<b>February 5, 2008</b>	<b>August 5, 2008</b>
<b>February 19, 2008</b>	<b>August 20, 2008</b> * <i>Wednesday</i>
<b>March 5, 2008</b> * <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>September 2, 2008</b>
<b>March 18, 2008</b>	<b>September 16, 2008</b>
<b>April 1, 2008</b>	<b>October 7, 2008</b>
<b>April 8, 2008</b> ( <i>Equalization Meeting</i> )	<b>October 14, 2008</b> ( <i>Annual Meeting</i> )
<b>April 15, 2008</b>	<b>October 21, 2008</b>
<b>May 6, 2008</b>	<b>November 4, 2008</b>
<b>May 20, 2008</b>	<b>November 18, 2008</b>
<b>June 3, 2008</b>	<b>December 2, 2008</b>
<b>June 17, 2008</b>	<b>December 16, 2008</b>

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
2008 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING SCHEDULE**

(All meetings on Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. in Room 231 of the Henry A. Skewis Courthouse Annex, Marquette, Michigan, unless otherwise noted)

<b>January 8, 2008</b> * <i>Immediately Following Organizational Meeting</i>	<b>July 8, 2008</b>
<b>January 22, 2008</b>	<b>July 22, 2008</b>
<b>February 13, 2008</b> * <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>August 12, 2008</b>
<b>February 26, 2008</b>	<b>August 26, 2008</b>
<b>March 11, 2008</b>	<b>September 9, 2008</b>
<b>March 25, 2008</b>	<b>September 23, 2008</b>
<b>April 8, 2008</b> ( <i>Also Equalization Meeting</i> )	<b>October 14, 2008</b> ( <i>Also Annual Meeting</i> )
<b>April 22, 2008</b>	<b>October 28, 2008</b>
<b>May 13, 2008</b>	<b>November 11, 2008</b>
<b>May 27, 2008</b>	<b>November 25, 2008</b>
<b>June 10, 2008</b>	<b>December 9, 2008</b>
<b>June 24, 2008</b>	

10b) The County Board considered their annual review of the Board of Commissioners Rules of Order. Chairperson Corkin suggested considering the change presented by Jim Gallant and move the Approval of the Agenda before Public Comment.

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board adopt the Rules of Order amending Section IV.3 – Order of Business - moving Approval of the Agenda before Public Comment. (A complete copy of the Board of Commissioner Rules of Order is available for public inspection in the County Clerk's Office)

**RULES OF ORDER  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
(Revised January, 2008)**

**IV-3. ORDER OF BUSINESS.**

The order of business of the Board of Commissioners shall be as follows:

1. Call to Order – Salute to the Flag – Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Reading of the minutes of preceding regular and special meetings.
3. Proclamations, Presentations, and Awards.
4. Approval of the Agenda.
5. Public Comment. (time limit 20 minutes total).
6. Review of Claims and Accounts.
7. Public Hearings.
8. Privileged Comment.
9. Informational Items.
10. Action Items.
11. Late Additions.
12. Public Comment.
13. Commissioner Comments, Staff Comments and Announcements.
14. Adjournment.

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Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Jim Gallant, Skandia, thanked the County Board for consideration of the change in the Rules of Order. He reminded all Commissioners of a Pathways meeting this evening.

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

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Comm. Wallace reported he would be attending the Pathways meeting this evening. He stated that Jim Gallant’s concerns will be addressed and he will report back to the County Board.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced the Public Hearing on December 9, 2008 for the Ishpeming Enterprise Zones.

Comm. Heikkila opposes a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone in Ishpeming Hills. Ishpeming Hills is a new development with new homes. He doesn’t feel the rest of the County should subsidize a new development where residents pay half the taxes of an existing area. He is still in favor of an Enterprise Zone in older areas. He suggested sending a letter to the City of Ishpeming from the County Board opposing a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone in a new area.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, stated that a new housing development is eligible for a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone. Discussion followed.

Comm. Arsenault stated that the idea of an Enterprise Zone is to encourage development. He explained that businesses are failing in Ishpeming and the County Board should encourage development to increase the capital investment, provide more jobs and help the businesses. He stated that other entities have similar zones.

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It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Pellow, that the County Board oppose a Neighborhood Enterprise Zone in the Ishpeming Hills Development. A voice vote was recorded 8 Nays to 1 Aye (Comm. Heikkila), motion failed.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Connie M. Branam  
Marquette County Clerk