

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, 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. Heikkila, Comm. Struck, and Chairperson. Corkin. Absent and Excused: Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, and Comm. Wallace.

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

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Heikkila, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on November 17, 2009 be approved with the following correction: Page 15, item 11b) – add the amount of salary to be paid to Margaret Olesnavage, Director of Juvenile Services.

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

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period November 13, 2009 through November 25, 2009 in the amount of \$714,440.40, and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending October 31, 2009 in the amount of \$634,915.68, be approved.

**PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

8a) Chairperson Corkin, reported on the Michigan Association of Counties Economic Development Committee to Oppose the MiWater Ballot Initiative. The meeting was held on November 20, 2009 at MAC Headquarters in Lansing. Deborah Muchmore represented Kennecott. Chairperson Corkin, a member of the committee, spoke regarding the economic importance of mining in Marquette County and the Upper Peninsula. The Committee is comprised of 25 professionals, 3 from the Upper Peninsula, and 22 from Lower Michigan. In attendance at the Michigan Association of Counties Economic Development Committee to Oppose the MiWater Ballot Initiative meeting was Joseph Derocha, Humboldt Township Supervisor, who read the following letter from John Olson, Michigamme Township Supervisor:

*“The people of Michigamme Township, the Upper Peninsula, County of Marquette, and State of Michigan ask your support in defeating the Ballot Proposal to decrease and stop mining in the Upper Peninsula.*

*Michigan has one of the strongest mining laws in the Country, PA 632.*

*The Marquette Range has been mining for (150) one hundred fifty plus years and has created an economy for our area.*

*With this Ballot Proposal, it will reduce these mines to a stand still.*

*As the proposal states “save our water,” I agree. I also believe we can have mining and safe water. No one wants our water destroyed it is protected in the Public Act 632.*

*Hopefully, after your review of the Ballot Proposal, you will OPPOSE this proposition and vote NO.”*

The Committee voted unanimously to send a recommendation to the MAC Board to Oppose the MiWater Ballot Initiative. Hopefully at the December meeting, the MAC Board of Directors will take action, and mobilize the 68 counties below the Bridge in getting the word out.

Comm. Cihak announced that there is polling data available that suggests 70% opposed to the initiative and 30% for the initiative.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

There were no informational items for approval.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10a) The County Board considered the approval of Sawyer's 10-Year Airport Capital Improvement Plan. Keith Kaspari, Sawyer Airport Manager, was present and explained that beginning with FY-2010, this will be the first year for airports to submit a 10-year Airport Capital Improvement Plan (ACIP), in contrast with previous submittals at 5-years. The reason for this new initiative is so that officials with the Federal Aviation Administration can review and plan for the needs of airports throughout the U.S. in years 6-10, so that appropriate funding levels can be secured.

Additionally, airport staff submitted in mid-October, an application requesting five (5) additional years in the FAA's Military Airports Program (MAP) for FY's 2010 - 2014. With the completion of the FY-2009 projects estimated for March 31, 2010, this will complete the list of projects from the previously submitted three-year application covering FY's 2007, 2008 & 2009.

For staff to comply with the FAA's deadline for submittal of Sawyer's plan of projects for FY-2010, FAA Form 5100 requests local approval for the grant pre-application of the projects listed in the ACIP for that specific Fiscal Year, which is again required for submitting the final grant application to MDOT.

As you can see on the plan for projects requesting MAP funding, in previous ACIP's, Sawyer utilized the Sales Proceeds from the Marquette County Airport, and Sawyer Stabilization Funds to provide 2.50% matching funds. Staff received approval from FAA officials on November 20<sup>th</sup> that the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) program can be used to provide a sponsor match for all past, present and future MAP funded projects at Sawyer.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the 10-Year ACIP as submitted to MDOT-Aero and FAA officials, and further that the County Board support the use of the PFC program to provide sponsor match of future projects with MAP funding, and use of the PFC program for past projects, allowing the PFC's to eventually reimburse the Stabilization fund, and if possible, recoup the funds from the sale proceeds of the former Marquette County Airport in Negaunee Township.

10b) The County Board considered a request from the Aging Services Advisory Committee regarding the senior services survey that was completed earlier this year. Dr. Mary Jane Tremethick, NMU Professor was present to discuss the survey results and show a power point presentation. With assistance from Earl Hawn, AMCAB, Karl Zueger and other members of the Aging Services Committee the survey was developed and sent to a sample of senior citizens in Marquette County. In January of 2009, 815 surveys were mailed and 499 seniors responded, a 61% response rate. Dr. Tremethick's discussion included areas such as: 1) Ages of our seniors, 2) Types of services needed, 3) Income levels, 4) Veteran population, 5) Were seniors aware of the

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services offered in the County? 6) Did the seniors encounter difficulty accessing services?

The presentation offered the County Board insight to the great need for Aging Services to our Senior Population in Marquette County and how the need will grow as the senior population grows.

Pete Mackin, Secretary, Aging Services Advisory Committee, was also present to answer questions.

Chairperson Corkin explained that all citizens pay the millage rate. The County needs to find a way to provide for all seniors in need.

Comm. Cihak stated that the survey was impressive and urged the Aging Services Advisory Committee to report back to the Board with a prioritized list of recommendations regarding how the survey data should be utilized.

Chairperson Corkin thanked Dr. Mary Jane Tremethick for all the work she has done on this project.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Struck, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board authorize the Aging Services Advisory Committee to communicate with the townships and cities in Marquette County to help determine what types of services are needed, how those needs should be met, and report back to the Board with the results.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Comm. Cihak updated the Board regarding a recently attended MAC Judiciary Public Service Committee Meeting concerning the Michigan State Police Crime Lab. The MSP is now leasing the former Fish and Wildlife Building located on Wright Street to house the Crimb Lab. The ELF Site is still a consideration, as well as the property located right next to the Negaunee State Police Post. Lansing is aware that Marquette County wants to maintain the Crime Lab. Also, of the 100 laid off troopers, 55 have been called back State-wide. They hope to call another 45 back within the next 6 months.

Comm. Cihak respectfully requests that the Airport Advisory Board forward the meeting minutes to County Commissioners.

Chairperson Corkin announced that the Detroit Crime Lab has now closed.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda K. Talsma  
Deputy County Clerk