
The Marquette County Board of Commissioners held their Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 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.

Connie Branam, County Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners and congratulated them on a successful election.

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

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for nominations for Vice-Chair. Comm. Pellow nominated Comm. Cihak. Comm. Struck nominated Comm. Wallace. A roll call vote was recorded and Comm. Wallace was elected Vice-Chair of 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 16, 2008 be approved.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period December 12, 2008 through December 31, 2008, in the amount of \$646,489.49, Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending December 13, 2008, in the amount of \$633,735.44, and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending December 27, 2008, in the amount of \$625,949.36, be approved.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Agenda be approved with the following Late Addition: 11a) 2009 Non-Representative Compensation; and also that the Central Dispatch Bargaining Agreement be added to the Closed Session.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Informational Items be accepted and placed on file.

- 9a) Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) Renaissance Zone Time Extension.
- 9b) Renaissance Zone Development Agreement.
- 9c) Approval of Reimbursement: 08-09 Annual Plan & Budget for Child Care Fund Expenditures.

ACTION ITEMS

10a) The County Board considered the proposed County Board Regular and Committee Meeting Schedule for 2009. Chairperson Corkin explained that there are two Wednesday meetings on the proposed schedule due to the Legislative MAC Meeting in February and the MAC Annual meeting in August.

Comm. Arsenault requested to again, as the County Board has done in the past, to cancel a meeting and notify Commissioners if not enough agenda items warrant a meeting.

Comm. Pellow requested the County Board reduce their meeting schedule on a trial basis during the summer months of June, July and August. She feels that with 50% of meetings lasting only 30 minutes and the other 50% approximately one hour, a reduced meeting schedule could work. Comm. Pellow feels that a lesser meetings schedule during the summer months would give Commissioners more time to spend with their constituents.

Comm. Struck felt it was a fair suggestion. The summer months are a good time to be out in the community. Comm. Cihak requested the fiscal implications of a lesser meeting schedule..

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following the County Board Regular Meeting Schedule and the Committee of the Whole Meeting Schedule be approved, with the months of June, July, and August subject to change, and further direct staff to research less meetings during the summer months.

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2009 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)

January 6, 2009 (<i>Organizational Meeting</i>)	July 7, 2009*
January 20, 2009	July 21, 2009 *
February 3, 2009	August 4, 2009 *
February 17, 2009	August 19, 2009 * (Wednesday)
March 3, 2009	September 1, 2009
March 17, 2009	September 15, 2009
April 7, 2009	October 6, 2009
April 14, 2009 (<i>Equalization Meeting</i>)	October 13, 2009 (<i>Annual Meeting</i>)
April 21, 2009	October 20, 2009
May 5, 2009	November 3, 2009
May 19, 2009	November 17, 2009
June 2, 2009 *	December 1, 2009
June 16, 2009 *	December 15, 2009

* Subject to Change

MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2009 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)

January 13, 2009	June 23, 2009 *
January 27, 2009	July 14, 2009 *
February 11, 2009 (Wednesday)	July 28, 2009 *
February 24, 2009	August 11, 2009 *
March 10, 2009	August 25, 2009 *
March 24, 2009	September 8, 2009
April 14, 2009 (<i>Also Equalization Meeting</i>)	September 22, 2009
April 28, 2009	October 13, 2009 (<i>Also Annual Meeting</i>)
May 12, 2009	October 27, 2009
May 26, 2009	November 10, 2009
June 9, 2009 *	December 8, 2009

*** Subject to Change**

10b) It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the following Rules of Order of the County Board of Commissioners be approved:

RULES OF ORDER
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
(Adopted January, 2009)

Adopted pursuant to authority granted by MCLA 46.11(r).

The great purpose of all rules and forms is to subserve the will of the assembly, rather than to restrain it; to facilitate, and not to obstruct, the expression of its deliberate sense.

SECTION I
BOARD ORGANIZATION

I-1. CHAIR PRO TEM; JANUARY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.

At the last meeting of each year, the Board shall designate by a majority vote a Chair Pro Tem to serve from December 31 to the opening of the organizational meeting if the present chair shall be ineligible to serve on the Board during the next term. In the absence of such ineligibility, the present chair shall serve until the opening of the organizational meeting. At the first meeting of the Board of Commissioners held in January of each year, the Chair Pro Tem shall open the meeting, the County Clerk shall call the roll, and if a quorum is found to be present, the Board shall proceed to nominate and elect one of their number as chair. The commissioner receiving the majority of all votes cast shall be Chair of said Board and immediately assume the duties thereof. The Chair shall first proceed to the election of a Vice-Chair by a roll call vote.

I-2. JANUARY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; REVIEW AND REVISION OF RULES; MEETING SCHEDULE.

During the January organizational meeting, the Commission shall review and revise, if deemed necessary, the Rules and Procedure Manual and shall set the schedule for all regular board meetings and standing committee for the year.

**SECTION II
COMMITTEES****II-1. STATUTORY FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

- II-1.1 The Chair of the Board shall appoint five commissioners to the Statutory Finance Committee no later than the Monday following the organizational meeting.
- II-1.2 The Statutory Finance Committee shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair at its first meeting.

II-2. SPECIAL AND SELECT COMMITTEES.

The Chair shall appoint all special and select committees unless otherwise ordered by the Board. The Chair of the Board will be a member of all committees so appointed.

II-3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

All members of the Board may meet as a Committee of the Whole when necessary for the informal discussion of matters that may come before the Board of Commissioners or any committee of the Board.

II-4. STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

- II-4.1 The Chair of the Board shall be Chair of the Committee of the Whole and shall call the Committee of the Whole to order at the time, place, and date set for its meeting.
- II-4.1 The Chair shall conduct the order of the Committee in a reasonable manner so as to permit free and informal discussions of all matters by all members of the Committee. On motions to refer matters to the Board or other committees, the Chair shall state the motion and call for a vote.
- II-4.3 When meeting as a Committee of the Whole, the Board is strictly prohibited from taking any formal final action on any business then before the Board of any committee of the Board.
- II-4.4 The Committee of the Whole may vote to refer any matter to any other committee of the Board or to the Board of Commissioners for formal or final action. Such reference to a committee of the Board may be accompanied by a recommendation as to policy or disposition.

II-5. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

Any matter referred to committee remains the property of that committee until reported to the full Board, or another committee, either by a date specified in the motion or at the earliest convenience of said

committee. Any matter not reported to the Board within a reasonable length of time may be brought upon the floor for consideration by a majority vote of those present.

II-6. SCHEDULED COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

All committee meetings shall be noticed and posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. No scheduled committee meeting shall be changed to another time or date unless all members of the committee are polled and a majority agree to the change.

SECTION III CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

III-1. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHAIR.

The Chair shall take the Chair precisely on the day and at the hour to which the Board adjourned at the preceding session. He/she shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum from a call of the roll, he/she shall cause the minutes of the preceding session to be read unless otherwise ordered by the Board. Authority for the execution of all documents requiring signature as a result of action taken by the Board of Commissioners shall be expressly vested in the Chair or the Vice-Chair in the Chair's absence; said signature shall be affixed in the presence of the Clerk or his/her deputy.

III-2. EMERGENCY MEETINGS.

A previously scheduled regular meeting may be cancelled and rescheduled, or a meeting may be called, by the Chair when in his or her discretion, and emergency exists, provided notice is given to each member and such additional notice is given as required by the Open Meetings Act. An emergency is defined as a sudden and unexpected turn of events requiring immediate action.

III-3. DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

It shall be the duty of the Chair to preserve order, and to call to his/her aid for that purpose the Sheriff of the County or his Deputy. The Chair shall suppress any disorderly conduct and shall strictly enforce the rules and regulations of the Board.

III-4. AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS.

III-4.1 The Chairperson of the Board is authorized to send to any meeting, or convention or function deemed important to the conduct of County business, those persons deemed necessary in numbers appropriate to the occasion. Said members shall travel by the mode of transportation most suited to the situation, and action taken by the Chair shall be subject to later review by the County Board of Commissioners. It is expected that a written or oral report concerning participation in such activities will be submitted to the full Board by the designated participating delegate. Failure to report those activities to the County Board will result in loss of the privilege to represent the Board at such functions.

III-4.2 In addition, Board members serving in the capacity as commissioners on other boards and commissions will be expected to periodically report to the County Board on the activities of that board or commission.

III-5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE VICE-CHAIR.

When the chair is absent from Board meetings or otherwise incapacitated during the interim, the Vice-Chair shall assume all the duties and obligations of the Chair.

III-6. TEMPORARY CHAIR.

Both the Chair and Vice-Chair, when presiding, shall have the right to name any member of the Board to perform the duties of the Chair temporarily.

SECTION IV MEETINGS; PROCEDURE

IV-1. QUORUM.

A majority of all the Commissioners duly elected and/or qualified shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

IV-2. AGENDA.

The agenda for each regular and committee of the whole meeting and any special or emergency meeting shall be prepared by the Chair or his designee. Prior to the meeting, any items for discussion shall be placed on the agenda at the request of a Commissioner or county official. Such requests shall be made by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the meeting. At any meeting when the agenda is being considered for approval, agenda items may be advanced to the Privileged Comment section upon request of a Commissioner or upon request of any person with approval of the Board. Items not appearing on the published agenda may be added at a meeting under Late Additions upon a majority vote of the Board.

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.

IV-4. CLERK; MINUTES.

The County Clerk or his/her Deputy shall attend all meetings of the County Board and its various Committees. He/She shall keep correct minutes of the Board's proceedings.

IV-5. ORDER OF SPEAKING.

No member shall speak a second time on a question until all others who wish to, have had an opportunity to speak once.

IV-6. SIMULTANEOUS SPEAKING.

When two or more members address the Chair at the same time, the Chair shall designate the member who is first to speak; but in all other cases the member who shall first address the Chair shall speak first.

IV-7. RIGHT OF SPEAKING.

Only members of the Board of Commissioners shall be given the right to speak during any Board meeting except:

1. Any person with the consent of the majority of the Board members present.
2. Any member of the public speaking under the privilege of Public Comment.
3. Any staff person, when requested by a member of the Board.
4. Any member of the public, speaking during a Public Hearing.

IV-8. MEMBER CALLED TO ORDER.

A member called to order shall immediately relinquish the floor, unless permitted to explain, and the Board, if appealed to, shall decide the case. If an appeal is not made, the decision of the Chair shall stand. On an appeal, no member shall speak more than once without the consent of the Board.

IV-9. DIVISION OF QUESTION.

If a question in debate contains several points, any member may ask for and have the same divided.

IV-10. SUSPENSION OF RULES; AMENDMENTS.

No rule of the Board shall be suspended, altered or amended without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

IV-11. ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of parliamentary practice set forth in Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the Board in all cases to which they are applicable, providing they are not in conflict with the Board's rules or the laws of the State of Michigan.

IV-12. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.

Upon a motion approved by the majority of the Board or Committee, Privileged Comment may be granted to members of the public desiring to address specified agenda items at any regular or special meeting of the Board or Committee of the Whole. These identified agenda items shall then be moved forward to Privileged Comment to allow interested persons to speak to those items without delay and the Board to take whatever action is necessary. The Chair may specify and limit the time allowed for each speaker.

IV-13. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Public Comment is an opportunity for citizens of the County to voice their opinions concerning issues regarding the operation of County government in Marquette County. Individuals will be limited to five minutes per person, not to exceed 20 minutes in total. The County Clerk will be responsible to keep time on individuals and inform the Board Chairperson when time limits have expired. At the close of Public Comment County Board members may address issues raised by citizens during the Public Comment Session.

IV-14. CLOSED SESSIONS.

- IV-14.1 When possible, the purpose of a closed session should be clearly stated on the meeting agenda, and stated in the motion to call a closed session.
- IV-14.2 When a closed session is added to the agenda as a late addition, the County Administrator and/or Civil Counsel shall provide the purpose of the closed session in writing so it can be stated as part of the motion to call a closed session.
- IV-14.3 A roll call vote shall be required to call a closed session and the roll call vote and purpose for calling the closed session shall be entered into the minutes as per the Open Meetings Act.

IV-15 SPECIAL MEETINGS.

- IV-15.1 Pursuant to MCL 46.10, as amended, a Special Meeting of the Board shall be held only when requested by at least one-third (1/3) of the members of the Board. Such request shall be in writing, shall be addressed to the County Clerk, and shall specify the time, date, place, and purpose of the meeting.
- IV-15.2 Upon receipt of such a request, the County Clerk shall schedule the requested Special Meeting, and shall prepare a written Notice of the scheduled Special Meeting which shall contain, at a minimum, the time, date, place, and purpose of the scheduled Special Meeting.
- IV-15.3 The Clerk shall thereupon cause Notice of the scheduled Special Meeting to be given to each of the Commissioners not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled Special Meeting, by any of the following methods:

- a. by causing a copy of the written Notice to be delivered personally to the Commissioners; or,
- b. by causing a copy of the written Notice to be left at the residence of the Commissioner; or,
- c. verbally, either in person or by telephone, at which time the written Notice shall be read to the Commissioners verbatim. If this method of notice is used, the verbal notice shall be given only to a Commissioner personally, and a message left with another person, or on a telephone answering device, shall not be considered sufficient notice for purposes of this Section. The Clerk shall cause to be made, contemporaneously with the delivery of such Notice, a record indicating the method, location, date and time that such Notice was provided to each Commissioner, and, if by telephone, the number at which such Commissioner was reached.

IV-15.4 Timely Notice given to any Commissioner by any of the methods above described shall be deemed to be sufficient notice to such Commissioner, whether or not actually received by such Commissioner.

IV-15.5 Notwithstanding these Notice requirements, a Commissioner may, but is not required to, waive the requirement of timely Notice of a Special Meeting, provided that such waiver is made on the record, at the commencement of the meeting.

SECTION V MOTIONS

V-1. PRIVILEGED MOTIONS.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received or entertained but the following:

To adjourn.

To close debate on the pending question.

To lay on the table.

To postpone to a certain day.

To commit, amend or substitute.

-which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

V-2. MOTION TO TABLE; MOTION TO ADJOURN.

The motion to adjourn shall always be in order; that and the motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.

V-3. MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION.

A motion for reconsideration of a decision shall be in order when:

1. The motion is made at the same meeting or the following meeting and by one who voted with the prevailing side on the original motion; or,
2. Made by a commissioner who was absent at the time of the vote on the original motion, at the first meeting attended by that commissioner subsequent to the meeting at which the vote on the original motion was taken; or,
3. Made by a new commissioner seated subsequent to the vote on the original motion, within sixty (60) days after the filing of his/her oath of office.

V-4. MOTION TO RESCIND.

A motion to rescind a previous action requires a two-thirds vote, or a majority vote when notice or intent to make the motion, stating the complete substance of the proposed change has been given at the previous meeting or in the call of the present meeting. A motion to rescind a previous action is not in order when:

1. It has been previously moved to reconsider the vote on the original motion; or
2. When something has been done, as a result of the vote on the original motion, that is impossible to undo; or
3. The original motion accepted a resignation or made an appointment, and the other party has already been informed of the action.

V-5. SECONDS; WRITTEN MOTIONS.

No motion or resolution shall be debated or put to the Board unless the same has been seconded and, before voting, stated by the Chair, and any such motion or resolution shall be reduced to writing if the Chair, Clerk, or any member so desires. Any motion or resolution reduced to writing by a member of the Board of Commissioners shall be spread verbatim on the minutes of the meeting.

V-6. WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION.

After a motion shall be stated by the chair, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the Board, but may be withdrawn at any time before amended or otherwise acted upon.

SECTION VI DEBATE

VI-1. DEBATE PROCEDURE.

In debate, members shall confine their remarks to the merits of the pending questions. Members shall address all remarks through the Chair and not to one another directly. Members shall always be referred to by their official titles.

VI-2. DEBATE.

When an agenda item is pending, a member may make a motion to have the clerk read the packet materials concerning that item into the record. Such a motion may also be made after voting on an item.

VI-3. DECORUM.

When a question is pending, a member can condemn the nature or likely consequences of the proposed measure in strong terms, but shall avoid personalities, and under no circumstances, attack or question the motives of another member. The measure, not the person, is the subject of debate.

**SECTION VII
VOTING****VII-1. ROLL CALL VOTE: COMMISSIONERS PRESENT; EXCUSE.**

A roll call vote shall proceed alphabetically from the person making the motion, with the Chair voting last. Every member who shall be present when a question is last stated by the Chair, and no others, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him/her, or unless he/she be prohibited by law from voting on the question.

VII-2. ROLL CALL VOTES.

A roll call vote shall be taken on any question when called for by any member of the Board, and on any question upon which the vote is not unanimous. Otherwise, all votes shall be by acclamation. The Chair shall determine and announce the outcome of each vote.

VII-3. ROLL CALL VOTES; ENTRY UPON MINUTES.

Upon a roll call vote, the names of those who voted for or against the same shall be entered alphabetically upon the minutes, and each member called upon, unless for special reasons he/she shall be excused by unanimous consent of the Board, shall declare openly and without debate his/her assent or dissent to the question.

VII-4. CHAIR VOTE.

The Chair must vote on all roll call questions unless excused by a unanimous vote of the Board. He/she may vote on all questions before the Board, except on appeal from his/her own decisions.

**SECTION VIII
HEARINGS****VIII - PUBLIC HEARINGS RULES OF PROCEDURE.**

- VIII-1.1 Whenever a public hearing on any issue is convened by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners or committee thereof, the Chair shall commence the public hearing by:

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- a. Stating the purpose of the hearing.
 - b. Advising the public in attendance on the rules procedure set forth in this rule.
- VIII-1.2 The Chair shall be responsible for order and procedure at all public hearings, and enforce this rule, as well as the general rules of order of the County Board of Commissioners to the extent applicable.
 - VIII-1.3 All persons, organizations, firms, partnerships, corporations, or other such entities shall have the right to address the Board either individually or by agent or representative. Each person addressing the Board must give his name and the name of any organization if he is speaking on behalf of that organization.
 - VIII-1.4 All presentations to the Board during a public hearing shall be limited to a reasonable time length.
 - VIII-1.5 The Board of Commissioners may specifically limit the length of time for each presentation if necessary.
 - VIII-1.6 Those parties addressing the Board may also submit such written materials, documents, petitions, and exhibits to support their presentations.
 - VIII-1.7 Following each presentation, each Board member may question the individual making the presentation.

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10c) The County Board considered a Grant Application Renewal for County Housing Allocation for 2009-2011. The Marquette County Housing Program is proposing to apply for the full population based grant amount of \$275,000 to improve the housing stock in Marquette County over the next two years. Funding proposed for each activity is: \$205,500 for Single-Family Homeowner Rehabilitation; \$20,000 for Emergency Repairs; and \$49,500 for Program Administration. Under the proposed application, the single family homeowner rehabilitation activity would provide up to \$35,000 in rehabilitation inclusive of lead paint hazard reductions for approximately six homeowners. The \$20,000 in emergency repair funds would assist approximately four homeowners with individual projects costing \$5,000 or less. Funds budgeted for each activity are determined through previous grant experience and applicant's requests and recommendations from the 2004 Marquette County Housing Plan.

On December 10, 2008, the Marquette County Planning Commission held a public hearing to gather comments on a proposed application to secure funding from the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority (MSHDA) for homeowner rehabilitation projects in Marquette County for 2009 through 2011. No public comments were provided to the Commission. The Marquette County Planning Commission Voted 6-0 in support of the application for the 2009-2011 County Housing Allocation and recommends the Marquette County Board's concurrence with the signed and adopted resolution.

It was moved by Comm. Bergdahl, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board approve the Grant Application Renewal for County Housing Allocation for 2009-2011, and adopt and sign the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marquette County has a housing plan and desires to continue its efforts in implementing the Plan to provide affordable housing opportunities for its low to moderately low income residents;

WHEREAS, said Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County has reviewed and understands the content of the application for funding;

WHEREAS, said Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County authorizes the chief elected official to sign any required grant funding documents for the 2009/2011 Marquette County Housing Allocation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Marquette County authorize submission of an application to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority for the 2009/2011 Marquette County Housing Allocation to cover the cost of proposed Homeowner and Homebuyer assistance, and associated activities within the County.

*Adopted this 6th day of January, 2009
Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10d) The County Board considered the FY-2009 Capital Program (Military Airports Programs-MAP) from Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager. At the December 9, 2008, Regular Meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, airport staff commented on a forthcoming plan for the FY-2009 capital projects with funding support by the FAA's Military Airports Program.

An FAA Standard Form 424, a grant pre-application (construction), as submitted by MDOT to the FAA on behalf of Marquette County and Sawyer International Airport for the completion of the following projects was distributed: 1) Hangar Improvements to Hangars #400, #402, #423, #424 and #425; and 2) Renovations to Hangar Support Buildings #608 and #627.

Phase 1 design services will begin with the December 16, 2008 approval of a professional services agreement between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt, Inc. Phase II construction is anticipated for the summer of 2009, and anticipated for completion prior the end of the first quarter of CY-2010.

The local sponsor match for Marquette County, again at an estimated (2.50%), is approximately \$65,790.00, and will be derived from the Sawyer Stabilization Fund.

Due to timing constraints imposed by the FAA due to airports operating in a Continuing Resolution (CR), airport staff needs to have all project applications and related project documentation forwarded to MDOT and the Detroit FAA office prior to the end of January, 2009.

Note: FY-2009 is the last year of Sawyer's current three-year program of the current redesignation application for the FAA's Military Airports Program.

It was moved by Comm. Cihak, seconded by Comm. Bergdahl, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the County Board provide support and approve the projects and the amount of the sponsor match as indicated for the capital projects for the FY-2009 MAP Program for Sawyer International Airport.

10e) The County Board considered the Forsyth Township-Aircraft Emergency Response Agreement. Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, explained that over the past several months, he has met with Forsyth Township Supervisor, Chris Adams, and recently elected Mike Jakubowski, to discuss the expiring Airport Emergency Response Agreement. He reminded Commissioners that in 2008, the County paid Forsyth Township \$16,500 for an emergency response support for aviation related emergencies. This was a \$2,000 reduction from 2007.

The main focus of the discussion was on the annual payment amount. In 2007, Forsyth agreed to take a lower annual amount, agreed to be the point of contact for snow removal at Sawyer fire hydrants, and would consider a decreasing annual payment with future agreements.

Mr. Erbsch explained there was also discussion regarding the potential impact to the County's annual payment if Forsyth received additional funding from Renewafuel, LLC. Forsyth Township has an agreement with Renewafuel, LLC, that they will receive \$10,000 annually, once it is up and running. At the present time, the start-up date for Renewafuel is most likely to occur late summer or early fall. Forsyth may receive

a pro-rated amount of the \$10,000 for a partial year, but is not guaranteed to receive any additional funding from Renewafuel in 2009.

With that in mind, Forsyth Township has agreed to accept \$14,000 for 2009. If approved by the County Board, the amount is to be paid in quarterly payments of \$3,500. Should Forsyth Township receive some or all funding from Renewafuel in 2009, then a meeting will be held again to discuss potential further reduction in Marquette County's payment.

Mr. Erbisch recommends entering into a one-year Aircraft Emergency Response Agreement with Forsyth Township with an annual payment of \$14,000 (\$3,500 quarterly payments). The term of the agreement is to be from January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009. All of the other terms of the agreement will remain the same. No budget adjustment will be needed as this level of funding is available for this agreement.

Discussion followed.

Comm. Pellow stated that once again she has concerns regarding paying \$14,000.

Comm. Heikkila also has concerns regarding the agreement. If Forsyth Township receives money from Renewafuel, does the amount the County will pay reduce? He requested a copy of the agreement and actual costs.

It was moved by Comm. Struck, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and carried by a voice vote 7 Ayes to 2 Nays (Comm. Heikkila and Comm. Pellow) that the County Board approve a one-year Aircraft Emergency Response Agreement with Forsyth Township with an annual payment of \$14,000 (\$3,500 quarterly payments), the term of the agreement to be from January 1, 2009 until December 31, 2009, all other terms of the agreement will remain the same.

LATE ADDITIONS

11a) The County Board considered Management/Professional Compensation for 2009. John Greenberg, Human Resources and Risk Manager, explained that for 2009 he is recommending the same health insurance packages as the represented employee (including the opt-out and family continuation provisions) plus a 2% wage increase and 2% increase in the employer contribution to the MERS defined contribution retirement plan for the Management/Professional (non-representative) employees. The wage increase is the same as that in the bargaining agreements for which either a settlement or tentative agreement has been reached. The MERS change would apply to about half the group (the others are in the defined benefit plan) and would help reduce some of the perceived erosion of benefits that this group has experienced relative to the bargaining units.

Mr. Greenburg explained that if the recommendation is approved sections of the Personnel Policy would need to be amended as indicated.

It was also explained that past practice has been for the elected department managers, other than the prosecutor and the judges, to receive the same wage increase as the Management/Professional employees. This was pointed out for information and not as a specific recommendation.

Discussion followed.

Comm. Pellow stated that the salaries for elected officials were set in October.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained that the salaries for elected officials were set for 2009 in October, but Commissioners could still increase the salaries.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the Management/Professional Compensation for 2009 be approved as follows: the same health insurance package as the represented employees (including the opt-out and the family continuation provision); and also that a 2% wage increase be approved, excluding elected officials.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and carried by voice vote 7 Ayes to 2 Nays (Comm. Cihak and Comm. Pellow) to approve the 2% increase in the employer contribution to the MERS defined contribution retirement plan for their Management/Professional (non-represented) employees.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Wallace, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Sections 111.8 Hospitalization Medical Coverage, and 111.9 Retirement Plan be amended in the Personnel Policy.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and carried unanimously on a roll call vote 9 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Cihak, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Struck, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Wallace and Comm. Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into Closed Session to discuss:

- Peterson V Marquette County – “to consult with attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body”. MCL 15.268(e).
- AFSCME Courthouse Employees Collective Bargaining Agreement and the Central Dispatch Collective Bargaining Agreement “for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing”. MCL 15.268(c).

Chairperson Corkin declared a 2 minutes recess to clear Commission Chambers at 6:40 p.m.

Closed Session

The County Board came back into Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

It was moved by Comm. Pellow, seconded by Comm. Cihak, and unanimously carried by voice vote to accept the recommendation of Council with respect to the evaluation in Peterson vs County of Marquette.

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and carried by voice vote 8 Ayes to 1 Nay (Comm. Cihak) that the County Board approve the AFSCME Courthouse Employees and Central Dispatch Collective Bargaining Agreements.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comm. Wallace announced that he and Comm. Struck attended Judge Mazzuchi’s Investiture. It was an excellent program and very well done.

Chairperson Corkin announced that all appointments will remain the same for 2009 unless requested to be changed by Commissioners.

Comm. Pellow thanked Commissioners for their support this past year in her role as Vice-Chair. She congratulated Chairperson Corkin and Vice-Chairperson Wallace.

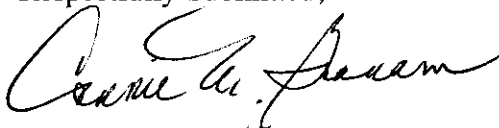
Chairperson Corkin thanked Commissioners for supporting him as Chair.

Comm. Cihak also stated he attended the Investiture of Judge Mazzuchi.

Comm. Cihak, Chairperson Corkin, and Comm. Struck discussed a County road issue regarding an alternative truck route between the City of Marquette and the Big Bay Road. He explained that the County Board would be wise to send a letter of support.

There being no further business to come before the County Board of Commissioners Organizational Meeting, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk