

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

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

It was moved by Comm. Wallace, seconded by Comm. Joseph, and unanimously carried by voice vote that the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2009 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 correction and change: the presentation by Kathy Lammi, Great Start Collaborative, be corrected as 8a) Privileged Comment not 7a) Public Hearing; and change Action Item 10h) Questions to Civil Counsel Regarding 8-24-2009 Memorandum to Pepin, before Action Item 10g) Consideration of a Closed Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining Parameters.

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

It was moved by Comm. Arsenault, seconded by Comm. Pellow, and unanimously carried by voice vote that Claims and Accounts for the period August 21, 2009 through August 26, 2009 in the amount of \$344,231.90, and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending August 22, 2009 in the amount of \$627,395.44, be approved.

PRIVILEGED COMMENT

Presentation: Great Start Collaborative (GSC) - Steve Peffers, Marquette-Alger Regional Educational Service Agency (MARESA), introduced Kathy Lammi, Great Start Collaborative Director, Lake Superior Community Partnership. Together they explained the program and presented the County Board with a Report to the Community – Assuring a Sturdy Foundation: The Status of Young Children in Marquette and Alger Counties 2009. Ms. Lammi distributed a Great Start Collaborative Update (Planning Phase for April 1, 2009 – March 31, 2010). She also highlighted current and recent work, and accomplishments since the program started in October 2008.

Comm. Struck serves as Vice-Chair of the Great Start Collaborative. He, along with Chairperson Corkin and Comm. Pellow, commended and thanked Mr. Peffers and Ms. Lammi for their hard work and dedication to the program.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

There were no informational items for approval.

ACTION ITEMS

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

10a) Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize a month-to-month lease for Building 407 at no cost with the Marquette County Historical Museum; and further that the Marquette County Historical Museum be responsible for the following: General site and building maintenance; Snow removal; All utilities (should they be needed for their projects); and Providing appropriate insurance coverage.

10b) Committee of the Whole recommendation that the County Board, Landowners, and the General Public become apprised of the actions of the Marquette County Road Commission concerning the Abandonment of County Road KK, the Bridge over the Salmon Trout River, and Public Access to Land and Water.

10c) Committee of the Whole recommendation to authorize \$75,000 to the Marquette County Health Department from county reserves to be used to increase Marquette County's participation in the Medicaid Dental Adjustment Payment (DAPP) Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program. (The \$75,000 will be repaid to the county reserves no later than 2010).

10d) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve the following Resolution on Local Public Health Funding for Legally Mandated Services (MCL 333.1101-333.25211).

*Resolution on
Local Public Health Funding for Legally Mandated Services
[MCL 333.1101-333.25211]*

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution establishes public health a responsibility of the states; and,

WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitutions establishes public health as a priority; and,

WHEREAS, local public health departments are on the front lines for providing essential public health services, disease surveillance, and response to health threats for Michigan residents in all 83 counties; and,

WHEREAS, local public health departments are responsible for providing mandated public health services, referred to as Local Public Health Operations (LPHO), that include communicable disease control, food service sanitation, sexually transmitted disease control, immunizations, hearing screening, vision screenings, drinking water supply safety, and onsite sewage management; and,

WHEREAS, six of the eight services mandated by PA 368 address the challenge of controlling communicable diseases; and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2009-22 has reduced funding for mandated public health services (LPHO) for fiscal year 2008-09 by \$1.2 million dollars; and,

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WHEREAS, the Executive Order reduction has jeopardized the service delivery system of local public health departments for mandated programs and placed an unfair burden upon local units of government; and,

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners recommends that no LPHO services be eliminated due to the economic and community benefit each of the eight mandated services provides;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners urges the Governor and Michigan Legislature to restore the \$1.2 million dollar cut sustained to the LPHO line item, appropriate sufficient dollars in the fiscal year 2009-10 budget too comply with PA 368 of 1978, and make a stronger financial commitment to protecting the basic health and welfare of Michigan residents.

*Gerald O. Corkin, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

10e) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan to help offset the costs of the building permit, the monies will be transferred from the General Fund Contingency to the Building Codes budget.

10f) Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve FAA Grant Document 3-26-0153-3009 and MDOT Sponsor Contract No: 2009-0698; authorize Chairperson Corkin to sign the documents where indicated; authorize the County Clerk to execute the following Resolutions; and authorize Civil Counsel to execute the Certificate of Sponsor Attorney.

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDER FEDERAL PROJECT NO: 3-26-0153-3009.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

Section I. That the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan shall enter into a Grant Agreement for the development of Sawyer International Airport, and that such Grant Agreement shall be as set forth herinafter;

Section II. That the Chairperson of Marquette County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Grant Agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette, Michigan, and the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest said execution:

Section III. That the Grant Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.

*Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL AND STATE AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDER SPONSOR CONTRACT NO. 2009-0698.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

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- Section III. That the Contract Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D.

10h) The County Board considered a request from Comm. Heikkila to address the following Questions to Civil Counsel regarding the 8-24-2009 Memorandum to Pepin:

- “1) What date did board make motion, 2nd it and adopt the rehire policy.
- 2) How does policy evolve.
- 3) Who consulted with MERS & the other county & what did MERS & the other county say about the opt out policy.”

Comm. Heikkila addressed the questions to Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel. He also explained that he did not expect answers to the questions at this meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed debating these questions.

Comm. Heikkila also requested that the following action be taken:

“That the County Board hire an attorney who specializes in taxes and pension plans, to answer questions with MERS and the IRS to determine if the County is saving money with the rehire policy and also to review the policy.”

Discussion followed debating the question of hiring an attorney.

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It was moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Pellow and carried by voice vote 5 Ayes (Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck) to 3 Nays (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Wallace, Chairperson Corkin) that the County Board direct Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel, to provide answers to the questions raised by Comm. Heikkila.

It moved by Comm. Heikkila, seconded by Comm. Pellow, to hire an attorney who specializes in taxes and pension plans to answer questions with MERS and the IRS to determine if the County is saving money with the rehire policy and also to review the policy. A roll call vote was taken: 5 Nays (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, Chairperson Corkin) to 3 Ayes (Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Pellow). Motion Failed.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Gary Walker, Marquette County Prosecutor, spoke regarding the questions raised on the opt-out/rehire issue by Comm. Heikkila. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

10g) Consideration of a Closed Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining Parameters. It was moved by Comm. Joseph, seconded by Comm. Arsenault, and unanimously carried on a roll call vote 8 Ayes (Comm. Arsenault, Comm. Bergdahl, Comm. Heikkila, Comm. Joseph, Comm. Pellow, Comm. Struck, Comm. Wallace, Chairperson Corkin) to 0 Nays that the County Board go into Closed Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining Parameters.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into Open Session. No action was forthcoming as a result of the Closed Session.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk