

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2010 – 6:00 P.M. –
ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855**

1. CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO THE FLAG – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- Call to Order by Chair at 6:00 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette.
- Roll Call: Present: Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Bergdahl, Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Struck, Commissioner Wallace, and Chairperson. Corkin.
- Absent: None.
- Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

Board Action: Commissioner Wallace moved to approve the minutes of the County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting held on November 2, 2010, including the Reconvened Annual Meeting Minutes. Second by Comm. Pellow. Motion adopted.

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:

- a. Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring Charles D. Custard on his Retirement:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING SERVICE OF CHARLES D. CUSTARD
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, Charles D. Custard was hired on January 14, 1991 as a Road Patrol Deputy with the Sheriff's Office. He was later promoted to the position of Lieutenant/Detective on August 19, 1997. Chuck returned to the Road Patrol Division as a Deputy Sheriff at Sawyer International Airport on April 24, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Custard has received many commendations over the years for his diligent efforts and expertise demonstrated with investigations. He is commended for working to establish a mini "Youth Gang Task Force" during the 1990's and was recognized in 1996 as the Marquette County Law Enforcement Administrator's Association "Officer of the Year." Deputy Custard's pleasant demeanor and experience contributed greatly in providing excellent service to Sawyer International Airport.

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WHEREAS, Marquette County expresses their gratitude to Chuck for the Professional manner in which he has performed his duties as a law enforcement officer. His efforts to provide for the safety of the citizens and community of Marquette County have been very much appreciated.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Chuck D. Custard for over 19 years of excellent service to Marquette County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board, on behalf of all County Citizens, wishes Chuck and his wife Wendy a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Board Action: Commissioner Cihak moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Struck. Motion adopted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.

- Lisa Johnson, Community Hand-UP, presented a packet of material Supporting the "W." She spoke regarding the efforts of the Community Hand-UP program and explained the plans and ideas of the Group. She also requested the County Board maintain the building until such time as the "W" reopens.
- Aryel Headley, Gwinn, spoke in support of the "W." She also requested the County Board contact our Legislators encouraging their support and asking that the appropriation for the Center move forward.
- Bill Hill, Sawyer Minister, spoke in support of the "W." He asks that the County Board not allow businesses at Sawyer who do not support the community.
- Dale Throenle, a member of the Sawyer Community Alliance, spoke in support of the "W" and requested that the "W" not be stripped. He also provided seven reasons to keep the "W."

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

Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Pellow, Comm. Struck, and Chairperson Corkin responded to comments by the public. They commended the Community Hand-UP Group and those involved in supporting the "W." They also thanked West Branch Township for postponing the auction.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to direct Staff to contact Congressman Stupak, with a copy to Senators Levin and Stabenow, urging the appropriation for the "W" to move forward. Second by Commissioner Struck. Motion adopted.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Board Action: Commissioner Bergdahl moved to approve Claims and Accounts for the period November 5, 2010 through November 10, 2010 in the amount of \$284,329.93. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT. None.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS. None.

10. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Authorize Winter Storage Agreement.

Board Action: Commissioner Wallace moved to authorize airport staff to utilize the south bay of Building 725 for winter storage as outlined by Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager, with the change that *a winter storage fee of nine dollars (\$9.00) per lineal foot of the property will be assessed (as measured from the tip of the property to the furthest point)*, and further that staff be authorized to sign the agreements. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve Budget Amendments.

Board Action: Commissioner Bergdahl moved to approve the following Budget Amendments as presented by Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

Fiscal Year 2010 Amendment No. 9

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 13, 2009, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

| <u>Expense Budget Account</u> | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>Amended Amount</u> | <u>Change + (-)</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Board of Commissioners</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 1380.00 | 1345.00 | 35.00 |
| Travel | 12000.00 | 16000.00 | (4000.00) |

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| <u>Circuit Court</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 59891.00 | 56600.00 | 3291.00 |
| Officer Fees | 1000.00 | 1600.00 | (600.00) |
| Service Contracts | 9000.00 | 13000.00 | (4000.00) |
| Telephone | 2500.00 | 1500.00 | 1000.00 |
| <u>District Court</u> | | | |
| Salary-Temporary Hire | 3000.00 | 5000.00 | (2000.00) |
| Salary-Overtime | 5000.00 | 2000.00 | 3000.00 |
| Salary-Part time | 9000.00 | 10000.00 | (1000.00) |
| Office Supplies | 26500.00 | 20500.00 | 6000.00 |
| Computer Use Chgs | 66439.00 | 67250.00 | (811.00) |
| Jury Fees | 8000.00 | 10000.00 | (2000.00) |
| Legal Fees | 100000.00 | 105000.00 | (5000.00) |
| Telephone | 9500.00 | 7500.00 | 2000.00 |
| Travel | 7200.00 | 8200.00 | (1000.00) |
| <u>Jury Commission</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 343 | 310 | 33.00 |
| <u>Probate Court</u> | | | |
| Copy Costs | 2500.00 | 3500.00 | (1000.00) |
| Transcripts | 1500.00 | 2000.00 | (500.00) |
| Psych Evaluations | 3000.00 | 4000.00 | (1000.00) |
| Computer Use Chgs | 16195.00 | 14330.00 | 1865.00 |
| Telephone | 2000.00 | 1000.00 | 1000.00 |
| <u>Juvenile Division</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 18801.00 | 18030.00 | 771.00 |
| <u>County Administration</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 7819.00 | 6460.00 | 1359.00 |
| <u>Accounting/Finance</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 4306.00 | 3575.00 | 731.00 |
| <u>Human Resources/Risk</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 2351.00 | 2100.00 | 251.00 |
| <u>Information Systems</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 29044.00 | 30835.00 | (1791.00) |
| <u>County Clerk</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 34769.00 | 33120.00 | 1649.00 |
| <u>Elections</u> | | | |
| Printing & Binding | 40000.00 | 55000.00 | (15000.00) |
| Computer Use Chgs | 683.00 | 625.00 | 58.00 |
| <u>Equalization</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 8239.00 | 10810.00 | (2571.00) |
| <u>Tax & Parcel Admin</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 8957.00 | 13905.00 | (4948.00) |
| <u>Register of Deeds</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 3995.00 | 3875.00 | 120.00 |
| <u>Treasurer</u> | | | |
| Copy Costs | 600.00 | 1500.00 | (900.00) |
| Computer Use Chgs | 17010.00 | 16180.00 | 830.00 |

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| Insurance | 4100.00 | 6100.00 | (2000.00) |
| <u>Prosecutor</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 15226.00 | 13770.00 | 1456.00 |
| <u>Sheriff Administration</u> | | | |
| Service Contracts | 5000.00 | 8000.00 | (3000.00) |
| Computer Use Chgs | 57300.00 | 58910.00 | (1610.00) |
| <u>U.P.S.E.T</u> | | | |
| Salary-Overtime | 7000.00 | 14000.00 | (7000.00) |
| <u>Public Safety</u> | | | |
| Salary-Overtime | 32800.00 | 42800.00 | (10000.00) |
| Copy Costs | 1000.00 | 1400.00 | (400.00) |
| Computer Use Chgs | 3732.00 | 3125.00 | 607.00 |
| Insurance | 3000.00 | 4000.00 | (1000.00) |
| <u>Court Security</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 343.00 | 310.00 | 33.00 |
| <u>Michigamme Township</u> | | | |
| Salary-Regular | 0.00 | 14450.00 | (14450.00) |
| Social Security | 0.00 | 900.00 | (900.00) |
| Medicare Tax | 0.00 | 200.00 | (200.00) |
| Hospitalization | 0.00 | 4000.00 | (4000.00) |
| disability | 0.00 | 60.00 | (60.00) |
| Life Insurance | 0.00 | 50.00 | (50.00) |
| Retirement | 0.00 | 1350.00 | (1350.00) |
| Worker's Comp | 0.00 | 250.00 | (250.00) |
| Office Supplies | 0.00 | 50.00 | (50.00) |
| Vehicle Operating Exp | 0.00 | 1000.00 | (1000.00) |
| Uniforms/Cleaning | 0.00 | 150.00 | (150.00) |
| Other Supplies | 0.00 | 75.00 | (75.00) |
| Travel | 0.00 | 50.00 | (50.00) |
| Training | 0.00 | 50.00 | (50.00) |
| 800 MGHTZ Fees | 0.00 | 200.00 | (200.00) |
| Telephone - Cellphone | 0.00 | 150.00 | (150.00) |
| Equipment Repairs | 0.00 | 50.00 | (50.00) |
| Vehicle Repairs | 0.00 | 150.00 | (150.00) |
| Capital Outlay | 0.00 | 45000.00 | (45000.00) |
| <u>Airport Security Contract</u> | | | |
| Salary-Parttime | 60000.00 | 50000.00 | 10000.00 |
| <u>Emergency Mgmt</u> | | | |
| computer use chgs | 1599.00 | 1450.00 | 149.00 |
| <u>Rehabilitation</u> | | | |
| Salary-Part time | 190000.00 | 240000.00 | (50000.00) |
| Computer Use Chgs | 8631.00 | 6325.00 | 2306.00 |
| <u>Detention Ctr -Space costs</u> | | | |
| Service Contracts | 17675.00 | 17175.00 | 500.00 |
| Utilities - Natural Gas | 16100.00 | 15700.00 | 400.00 |
| Utilities - Electricity | 13150.00 | 12750.00 | 400.00 |
| Bldg Repairs - Mechanical | 3500.00 | 4400.00 | (900.00) |

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| Wastewater Coll/Dispos | 6000.00 | 10000.00 | (4000.00) |
| <u>Planning</u> | | | |
| Copy Costs | 1000.00 | 1800.00 | (800.00) |
| computer use chgs | 1466.00 | 1146.00 | 320.00 |
| Training | 3500.00 | 2700.00 | 800.00 |
| <u>R.M. Admin</u> | | | |
| Professional/Contractual | 3000.00 | 4000.00 | (1000.00) |
| Computer Use Chgs | 25144.00 | 29251.00 | (4107.00) |
| <u>Building Codes</u> | | | |
| Copy Costs | 1650.00 | 2450.00 | (800.00) |
| Computer Use Chgs | 3175.00 | 2673.00 | 502.00 |
| Travel | 3000.00 | 2200.00 | 800.00 |
| <u>Courthouse Complex</u> | | | |
| Uniforms/Cleaning | 250.00 | 650.00 | (400.00) |
| Janitorial Supplies | 19000.00 | 26000.00 | (7000.00) |
| Tools | 650.00 | 1000.00 | (350.00) |
| Lighting Supplies | 3000.00 | 2000.00 | 1000.00 |
| Computer Use Chgs | 2194.00 | 1890.00 | 304.00 |
| Utilities-Natural Gas | 111960.00 | 91960.00 | 20000.00 |
| Utilities-Fuel Oil | 450.00 | 250.00 | 200.00 |
| Building Repairs | 2500.00 | 4000.00 | (1500.00) |
| Building Repairs-Mechanical | 12000.00 | 32000.00 | (20000.00) |
| <u>Ishpeming Service Center</u> | | | |
| Service Contracts | 6750.00 | 5950.00 | 800.00 |
| Utilities-Natural Gas | 4120.00 | 3620.00 | 500.00 |
| Building Repairs | 400.00 | 1300.00 | (900.00) |
| Bldg. Repairs Non-Mechanical | 300.00 | 700.00 | (400.00) |
| <u>MSU Extension</u> | | | |
| Computer Use Chgs | 1668.00 | 1450.00 | 218.00 |
| <u>Human Service Approp.</u> | | | |
| Approp. DHS Child Care | 125000.00 | 100000.00 | 25000.00 |
| <u>Misc. & Contingency</u> | | | |
| Termination Pay-Sick Leave | 100000.00 | 70000.00 | 30000.00 |
| Employee Benefits | | | |
| Cafeteria Plan Admin. | 5000.00 | 1500.00 | 3500.00 |
| <u>Special Appropriations</u> | | | |
| Superior Watershed-2%/FEMA | 0.00 | 100000.00 | (100000.00) |
| Humane Society Boarding | 20000.00 | 15000.00 | 5000.00 |
| Approp-Health Dept | 0.00 | 7500.00 | (7500.00) |
| | <u>1,425,855.00</u> | <u>1,638,040.00</u> | <u>(212,185.00)</u> |
| Election Reimbursements | 20000.00 | 35000.00 | 15,000.00 |
| Sheriff Services | 8000.00 | 14000.00 | 6,000.00 |
| Federal-Safe Trails | 0.00 | 4500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| U.P.S.E.T. Grant | 32000.00 | 35000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Criminal Justice Training | 7000.00 | 5500.00 | (1,500.00) |
| Township Liquor License | 9000.00 | 6000.00 | (3,000.00) |

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| Contracted Services | 2000.00 | 15500.00 | 13,500.00 |
| Michigamme Twp Contract | 0.00 | 68185.00 | 68,185.00 |
| Planning Services | 12000.00 | 18500.00 | 6,500.00 |
| FEMA (Superior Watershed) | 0.00 | 76000.00 | 76,000.00 |
| 2% (Superior Watershed) | 0.00 | 24000.00 | 24,000.00 |
| Totals: | 90,000.00 | 302,185.00 | 212,185.00 |

Fiscal Year 2010 Amendment No. 10

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 13, 2009, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

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WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS - PA 511

| <u>Expense Budget Account</u> | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>Amended Amount</u> | <u>Change + (-)</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| Salary-Regular | 8,000.00 | 8,870.00 | (870.00) |
| Social Security | 500.00 | 560.00 | (60.00) |
| Medicare Tax | 125.00 | 130.00 | (5.00) |
| Board Expenses | 700.00 | 760.00 | (60.00) |
| Other Supplies | 500.00 | 415.00 | 85.00 |
| Travel | 1,000.00 | 800.00 | 200.00 |
| Training | 1,000.00 | 290.00 | 710.00 |
| WORK CREW | | | |
| Salary-Regular | 10,000.00 | 11,000.00 | (1,000.00) |
| Salary-Part time | 14,200.00 | 16,700.00 | (2,500.00) |
| Social Security | 1,500.00 | 1,750.00 | (250.00) |
| Medicare Tax | 350.00 | 425.00 | (75.00) |
| Workers Compensation | 500.00 | 575.00 | (75.00) |
| Vehicle Operating Expense | 4,500.00 | 5,500.00 | (1,000.00) |
| Other Supplies | 2,700.00 | 3,500.00 | (800.00) |
| Insurance | 925.00 | 1,285.00 | (360.00) |
| Increase in Fund Equity | 0.00 | 3,690.00 | (3,690.00) |
| Totals: | 8,500.00 | 9,430.00 | (9,750.00) |
| | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>Amended Amount</u> | <u>Change + (-)</u> |
| Revenue Budget Account | | | |
| 2% Gaming Revenue Appropriation | 0.00 | 2,750.00 | 2,750.00 |
| Work Crew Revenue | 3,000.00 | 10,000.00 | 7,000.00 |
| Totals: | 3,000.00 | 12,750.00 | 9,750.00 |

Fiscal Year 2010 Amendment No. 11

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 13, 2009, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

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WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

FOREST RECREATION FUND

| <u>Expense Budget Account</u> | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>Amended Amount</u> | <u>Change + (-)</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Perkins Park - Phase IV | 64,175.00 | 254,175.00 | (190,000.00) |
| Totals: | <u>64,175.00</u> | <u>254,175.00</u> | <u>(190,000.00)</u> |
| | | | |
| <u>Revenue Budget Account</u> | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>Amended Amount</u> | <u>Change + (-)</u> |
| State Grant | 0.00 | 190,000.00 | 190,000.00 |
| Totals: | <u>0.00</u> | <u>190,000.00</u> | <u>190,000.00</u> |

Fiscal Year 2010 Amendment No. 12

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 13, 2009, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

FORECLOSURE FUND

| <u>Expense Budget Account</u> | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>Amended Amount</u> | <u>Change + (-)</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Prof/Contractual Services | 52,000.00 | 64,000.00 | (12,000.00) |
| Miscellaneous Expense | 1,000.00 | 2,500.00 | (1,500.00) |
| Increase in Fund Equity | 59,500.00 | 46,000.00 | 13,500.00 |
| Totals: | <u>53,000.00</u> | <u>66,500.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |
| | | | |
| <u>Revenue Budget Account</u> | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>Amended Amount</u> | <u>Change + (-)</u> |
| Totals: | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> | <u>0.00</u> |

Fiscal Year 2010 Amendment No. 13

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 13, 2009, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of unanticipated changes in revenues and/or needed expenditures, it is necessary to modify the aforesaid budget; and

WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

OPEB FUND

| <u>Expense Budget Account</u> | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>Amended Amount</u> | <u>Change + (-)</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Totals: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Transfer from Trust & Agency Fund | 0.00 | 150,000.00 | 150,000.00 |
| Appropriation from Insurance Fund | 0.00 | 456,000.00 | 456,000.00 |
| Totals: | 0.00 | 606,000.00 | 606,000.00 |

Fiscal Year 2010 Amendment No. 14

WHEREAS, budgets were adopted by the County Board on October 13, 2009, to govern the receipts and expenditures of the various County funds for the next fiscal year of the County; and

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WHEREAS, such modification will still maintain a balanced budget between revenues and expenditures as required by P.A. 621 of 1978.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesaid budget be hereby modified as follows:

INSURANCE FUND

| <u>Expense Budget Account</u> | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>Amended Amount</u> | <u>Change + (-)</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Appropriation to OPEB fund | 0.00 | 456,000.00 | (456,000.00) |
| Totals: | 0.00 | 456,000.00 | (456,000.00) |
| <u>Revenue Budget Account</u> | <u>Previous Amount</u> | <u>Amended Amount</u> | <u>Change + (-)</u> |
| Use of Fund Equity | 0.00 | 456,000.00 | 456,000.00 |
| Totals: | 0.00 | 456,000.00 | 456,000.00 |

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolutions duly adopted.

c. Property and Casualty Insurance.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to accept the proposal from the MMRMA for the Marquette County property and casualty insurance for the year 2011 as explained by John Greenberg, Human Resources and Risk Management Director. Second by Comm. Arsenault. Motion adopted.

d. Local Zoning Analysis Chapter of the Marquette County Comprehensive Plan.

Board Action: Commissioner Bergdahl moved to approve the Local Zoning Analysis Chapter of the Marquette County Comprehensive Plan as explained by Thyra Karlstrom, Planner. The final step, distribution of the adopted plan, will then be carried out by the Resource Management/Development Department, Planning Division. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

e. MERS Report by Staff. Steve Powers, County Administrator, provided a brief report from the November 10, 2010 MERS Board Meeting. He explained that as discussed, he attended the meeting for the purposes of commenting, listening to comments, and the MERS Board decision regarding amendments to Plan Sections 31. The MERS Board considered not applying the 720 hour yearly limit to retirees rehired before January 1, 2011. After careful consideration and member feedback, both at the meeting and prior to the meeting through phone calls and e-mails from MERS employer members, the MERS Board did set the exemption requirements regarding the rehiring of retirees. He cited the following: *Retirees rehired and re-employed by the same employer before January 1, 2011 are exempt from the rules....* Administrator Powers stated that in his opinion the reasons for that change by the MERS Board were not discussed at the Board meeting. Discussion followed.

Board Action: Commissioner Heikkila moved *“that we request a certification in writing from MERS that the plan it administers on behalf of Marquette County is in full compliance with the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service or the steps taken by MERS will put Marquette County in full compliance and that neither Marquette County nor any of its employees will face any adverse action by the IRS or other authority as a result of that non-compliance”* Second by Comm. Pellow. Motion adopted.

11. **LATE ADDITIONS. None.**

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT.**

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

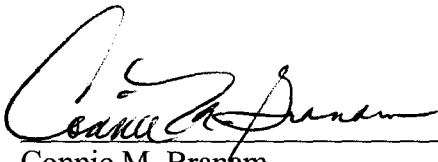
13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Chairperson Corkin announced that the next meeting of the County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2010. He also announced that a Regular Meeting of the County Board will be held immediately following the Committee of the Whole Meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 to consider appointments to various boards and commissions.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

14. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Minutes Proposed for Approval on December 7, 2010.