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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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 and Excused: None.
- Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2010.

Board Action: Commissioner Struck moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2010 Regular Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners. Second by Commissioner Cihak. Motion adopted.

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.

Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring the Service of Mary Brown on her Retirement.

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
HONORING SERVICE OF MARY B. BROWN
ON HER 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, Mary Brown began her career on June 11, 1986 as a Typist Clerk I working in the Friend of the Court Office; and

WHEREAS, Mary was promoted on November 20, 1989 to the position of Account Clerk and then to Case Specialist; and

WHEREAS, Mary retired after 19 years of service and was re-hired in the same capacity of Case Specialist on September 16, 2005, the County has benefited from her knowledge and abilities for over 24 years; and

WHEREAS, as a Case Specialist, Mary has maintained a professional attitude and shown outstanding communication skills while conferring with parents and related parties regarding domestic relation actions. Ms. Brown has made a conscientious effort to monitor and ensure compliance with court orders pertaining to child support, childcare and medical expenses. Her intelligence, dedication and humor will be greatly missed; and

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WHEREAS, Marquette County recognizes and thanks Mary for her excellent job and many years of experience and commitment to the support and needs of children in Marquette County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Mary Brown for more than 24 years of dedicated service to Marquette County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Mary and her husband Raymond a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. Theresa Scram, Marquette, spoke regarding late addition items that are added to County Board of Commissioner meetings.

Mike Quayle, Marquette, complimented the County Board, but more specifically the County Treasurer for establishing the Marquette Land Bank Authority.

Jim Gallant, Skandia, spoke regarding the Brownfield Bylaws.

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

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Board Action: Commissioner Arsenault moved to approve Claims and Accounts for the period September 10, 2010 through September 16, 2010 in the amount of \$143,523.66. Second by Commissioner Struck. Motion adopted.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- a. To Consider Approval of a Brownfield Plan for the Marquette County Land Bank Authority and approve Resolution and Committee of the Whole Recommendation.

Chairperson Corkin opened the hearing for comment from the public. James Gallant addressed the Board regarding the bylaws of the Brownfield Authority and was informed that the Public Hearing is being held to approve a Brownfield Plan. No further comment was received. Chairperson Corkin closed the Public Hearing.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the Resolution and Committee of the Whole Recommendation approving the Brownfield Plan for the Marquette County Land Bank Authority. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted. Resolution follows.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE
BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE
MARQUETTE COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, *The Michigan Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Act 381, P.A. 1996 as amended, authorizes municipalities to create a brownfield redevelopment authority to promote the revitalization, redevelopment, and reuse of contaminated, blighted, or functionally obsolete property through tax increment financing of eligible environmental and developmental activities; and*

WHEREAS, *The Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Act, Act 258, P.A. 2003 as amended, authorizes the establishment of a County Land Bank Authority to assist governmental entities in the assembly and clearance of title to property in a coordinated manner, facilitate the use and development of certain property and promote economic growth by utilizing brownfield incentives through Act 381, among other tools; and*

WHEREAS, *The Marquette County Board of Commissioners established the Marquette County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority on August 3, 2010 and appointed its members on August 18, 2010; and*

WHEREAS, *An Intergovernmental Agreement between the Michigan Land Bank Fast Track Authority and the Marquette County Treasurer, as authorized by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, was executed in May 2009 forming the Marquette County Land Bank Authority with members appointed; and*

WHEREAS, *The Marquette County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority has reviewed and approved the Brownfield Plan for the Marquette County Land Bank Authority to redevelop the former West Ishpeming School in Ishpeming Township and 423 and 425 W. Spring Street in Marquette in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity at their August 26, 2010 meeting and recommends approval by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners; and*

WHEREAS, *The Marquette County Board of Commissioners has determined that the Brownfield Plan constitutes a public purpose of job creation, increased private investment and economic development, increased property tax value, and affordable housing opportunities; and*

WHEREAS, *A public hearing on the Brownfield Plan has been noticed and held on September 21, 2010 and notice to taxing jurisdictions has been provided in compliance with the requirements of Act 381;*

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, *that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Brownfield Plan for the Marquette County Land Bank Authority.*

8. **PRIVILEGED COMMENT.** There was no Privileged Comment.
9. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

Board Action: Commissioner Wallace moved to accept and place on file the following Informational Items. Second by Commissioner Cihak. Motion adopted.

- a. DNRE Seeks Public Input on Alger County and Marquette County Forest Management.
- b. Invitation to Attend a Program Regarding Defining Economic Strategies for the New Economy.
- c. Report Resulting from On-Site Fiscal & Program Review of the Child Care Funds.

10. ACTION ITEMS.

Board Action: Commissioner Struck moved to approve Action Items 10a), 10b), 10c), 10d), 10f), and 10g) as follows. Second by Comm. Arsenault. Motion adopted.

- a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Exercise the County Option under MCL 211.78m to purchase one tax foreclosed property (52-05-020-016-00) for a total minimum bid amount of \$1,032.00, and transfer this property to the Land Band Authority, with the Land Bank Authority funding this purchase.
- b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the following Resolution approving the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Bylaws.

*RESOLUTION APPROVING
BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BYLAWS
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE
PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED*

RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, having reviewed the Bylaws of the Board of the Marquette County Brownfield Authority, a public body corporate, established on August 3, 2010, pursuant to the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (hereinafter the "Act"), which Bylaws were adopted at the initial organizational meeting of the Board on August 26, 2010, hereby approves the Bylaws as appended hereto, which are deemed to constitute the rules governing the procedures and the holding of regular meetings of the Board, as set forth in Section 5(5) of the Act.

- c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Lease Terms with BWI North America, Inc. as described in the September 9, 2010 memo from Harley Andrews, Chief Civil Counsel/Sawyer, and Scott Erbish, Operations Manager, and to authorize the Board Chair to execute the Lease upon final review and approval by Civil Counsel
- d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Send a Letter to State Senator Mike Prusi opposing the Proposed DHS Public Per Diem Fee.
- f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the following Resolution in Support of Ewing Township Road.

Resolution in Support of Ewing Township Road

WHEREAS, Ewing Township is one of nineteen townships in Marquette County, and

WHEREAS, Ewing Township cannot be reached directly by road from the rest of Marquette County, because vehicular traffic must travel through Delta County to reach Ewing Township, and

WHEREAS, Ewing Township is the only township in Marquette County without any paved roads, and

WHEREAS, County Road DA is the main route used by logging trucks to transport forest products from state forest lands in the township to mills and other locations, and

WHEREAS, this movement of logging trucks and related equipment over County Road DA creates extremely dusty and hazardous conditions for residents and other vehicular traffic, and

WHEREAS, the cost to maintain County Road DA is shouldered by Ewing Township and the Marquette County Road Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners Support Ewing Township's quest for an improved, paved, primary road to replace County Road DA, and to provide other assistance when possible.

- g. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to award the bid for the Terminal Bathroom Project to Closner Construction with the total low bid of \$75,130.00, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Construction Agreement.

10. **ACTION ITEMS CONT'D.**

- e. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the MNRTF Grant Application for Enhancement to Little Trout Lake Park.

Board Action: Commissioner Bergdahl moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation approving the changes to the original MNRTF Grant Application for Little Trout Lake Park, authorize Gerald Corkin as the signatory for the Resolution and Project Agreement committing the Marquette County Board to pay 25% matching funds for the Enhancement Grant and up to \$10,000 in engineering fees to the Marquette County Road Commission. Second by Commissioner Struck. Motion adopted. Resolution follows.

LITTLE TROUT LAKE PARK PHASE I
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, In March 2010, Marquette County submitted a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant application to the Department of Natural Resources for the development of a restroom facility, playground equipment, and ADA trails linking all park activities for Little Trout Lake Park. The total estimated cost of the grant was \$238,000 with 25% or \$59,500 in matching funds from the Forestry and Recreation fund.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has provided a preliminary review of the grant application as originally submitted and made suggestions for additional scope items that would improve the original application.

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Road Commission is willing to sponsor an Enhancement Grant which would improve the original application by creating a paved bike path that goes from Sawyer Elementary to Little Trout Lake Park plus four road signs if the Marquette County Board pays the required 25% matching funds plus engineering costs to the Road Commission.

WHEREAS, Enhancement Grant funds and engineering fees can be used as leverage on MNRTF grants. Marquette County would be required to provide any additional funds to meet the 25% match requirement of the total project cost of MNRTF Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Marquette County Board of Commissioners agrees to pay the 25% matching funds for the Enhancement Grant plus up to \$10,000 for engineering and the difference between the enhancement grant and engineering fees to meet the required 25% of the MNRTF grant to the Road Commission and to increase the scope items of the original MNRTF grant application for Little Trout Lake Park Phase I to include a paved non-motorized bike path from Sawyer Elementary school to the park, road signs directing motorist to the park and a rubberized mat system that would lay across the sand and allow persons of all abilities to access Little Trout Lake.

11. **LATE ADDITIONS.** There were no Late Additions.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment. James Gallant, Skandia, spoke regarding the Brownfield Bylaws. He also spoke regarding the recording equipment. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Chairperson Corkin responded to comments made by Jim Gallant.

Commissioner Arsenault announced award of a \$600,000 grant received by the Upper Michigan Green Aviation Coalition for efforts between Marquette and Delta Counties for a Green Initiative to develop clusters of businesses related to aviation deconstruction.

Chairperson Corkin announced a ribbon cutting ceremony he attended on behalf of the County Board for the Renewafuel facility. The ceremony was held on Monday, September 20, 2010. Commissioner Cihak and Commissioner Heikkila were also in attendance.

Commissioner Struck announced that Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, was named the Airport Executive of the Year.

Commissioner Pellow noted that Michigamme Township has approved a contract with the Sheriff's Office for patrol services.

Chairperson Corkin announced that the Road Commission will hold a public hearing on the Woodland Road Project application. The tentative date for the hearing is October 7th at the Ishpeming Township Hall.

Commissioner Wallace announced that a National Take-Back Collection Initiative for the purpose of the collection of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Marquette City Police Department, the Michigan State Police Post, and the Forsyth Township Community Center.

Commissioner Heikkila announced that recorded tapes of Board of Commissioner meetings are retained for one year. All video recordings by Charter are retained indefinitely.

Commissioners Arsenault responded to comments by Jim Gallant.

Commissioner Cihak echoed comments regarding Renewafuel and the Green Aviation Initiative. He also reported on various topics discussed at the MAC Super Committee Meetings he attended in Lansing last Wednesday.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, announced that the Board of Commissioners Committee of the Whole Budget Work Session is scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, 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 September 21, 2010.