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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 AUGUST 18, 2010.**

**Board Action:** Commissioner Wallace moved to approve the minutes. Second by Commissioner Joseph. After discussion and debate a roll call vote was recorded.

Ayes: Commissioner Wallace, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Struck, and Chairperson Corkin.

Nays: Commissioner Bergdahl, Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Pellow.

Motion adopted 5 Ayes to 4 Nays.

**3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS.**

Chairperson Corkin read the following Resolution Honoring the Service of Gregory Sicotte on his Retirement.

*RESOLUTION  
HONORING SERVICE OF GREGORY SICOTTE  
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, Gregory Sicotte began his career with the County of Marquette on October 3, 1991, as a Building Inspector in the Building Codes Division of the Resource Management/Development Department. He was promoted to the position of Building Official/Project*

*WHEREAS, as a Building Codes/Project Manager, Greg has succeeded in making Marquette County’s code compliance a customer-focused operation with timely issuance of permits that comply with codes and 100% of inspections within 72 working hours of request; and*

*WHEREAS, Greg’s extensive knowledge and understanding of the codes has helped maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of the inspection process. Greg has led by example in focusing on priorities and customer services and his professionalism has made him a much respected department manager; and*

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*WHEREAS, Marquette County recognizes and thanks Greg for his dedication to the enforcement of building codes that provide for the safe construction and utilization of buildings within the County.*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners gratefully expresses its appreciation to Greg Sicotte for his 19 years of service to Marquette County; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on behalf of all County Citizens, the Marquette County Board wishes Greg and his wife Sharleen a long, healthy, and happy retirement.*

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

**Board Action:** Commissioner Arsenault moved to approve the Agenda with the following Late Addition: 11 a) Continued Discussion regarding the Minutes. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting was opened for public comment. Mike Quayle, 1700 Mildred Ave., Marquette, MI, requested advance notification to the general public when knowledge of department heads and elected officials will be in attendance. He also spoke regarding the poor quality of the August 18, 2010 tape recording of the meeting. He suggested Staff upgrade the recording equipment. Since there was 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 August 13, 2010 through September 3, 2010, in the amount of \$5,345,600.98, and Bi-weekly Payroll for the period ending August 21, 2010, in the amount of \$663,865.99. Second by Commissioner Heikkila. Motion adopted.

**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.** There were no Public Hearings.

**8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.**

a. Communication from the United States Department of Commerce: Contributions to the 2010 Census Effort. Chairperson Corkin acknowledged the plaque presented to Marquette County.

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.**

**Board Action:** Commissioner Cihak moved that the following Informational Item be accepted and placed on file. Second by Commissioner Wallace. Motion adopted.

a. Announcement that the ARRA Application submitted by Merit and PFN to Expand High Speed Broadband across the Upper Peninsula.

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## 10. ACTION ITEMS.

- a. Equalization Director Employment Agreement. A memo from John Greenberg, Human Resources and Risk Manager, and an Employment Agreement was presented and discussed.

**Board Action:** Commissioner Pellow moved to appoint Rick Lindstrom as Equalization Director for Marquette County. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

- b. Request from Marquette County Road Commission to develop a new all-season primary County Road to run north-south beginning at the intersection of U.S. 41 / C.R. FY northerly to CR IAA. A memo was presented explaining the request.

**Board Action:** Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the Request from the Marquette County Road Commission. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

- c. Approval of Lease – Bay 1 of Hangar 400 to NXT Ventures, LLC. Viikki Kulju, Telkite, was present to review the proposed lease and answer questions.

**Board Action:** Commissioner Wallace moved to approve the lease of Bay 1 of Hangar 400 to NXT Ventures, LLC according to the lease terms presented. Second by Commissioner Cihak. Motion adopted.

- d. Appointment to Central Dispatch Policy Board. Marquette County Law Enforcement Administrator's Association recommendation presented.

**Board Action:** Commissioner Struck moved to appoint Captain Blake Rieboldt, Marquette City Police Department, to complete the remainder of retired Captain Kilgren's term. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

- e. Co-Employer Relationship between County Commissioners and Elected Officers Information.

**Board Action:** After discussion Commissioner Arsenault moved to accept for file. Second by Comm. Struck. Motion adopted.

**Board Action:** Commissioner Pellow then moved to direct Civil Counsel to research the Employer Relationship between County Commissioners and Judges. Second by Commissioner Cihak. Motion adopted.

## 11. LATE ADDITIONS.

- a. Continued Discussion regarding the Minutes. Commissioners questioned the retention schedule of audio tapes. They also discussed recording equipment. **No action was taken.**

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting was opened for public comment. Catherine Parker, Ohio Street, Marquette, spoke regarding Kennecott. Teresa Bartosky, Marquette, spoke regarding Woodland Road. There being no further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

**13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Commissioner Arsenault updated the Board regarding the Brownfield Authority. He reported that the By-Laws need approval by the County Board and the Brownfield plan also needs to be approved by Ishpeming Township and Marquette City.

Chairperson Corkin announced for clarification that John Greenberg, Human Resources/Risk Manager, invited Elected Officials, Judges and Department Heads to be in attendance at the August 18, 2010 meeting to answer questions regarding temporary hires.

Commissioner Struck reported that he met the President/CEO of American Eagle. Chairperson Corkin and Commissioner Cihak were also in attendance.

Commissioner Joseph asked what Commissioners wanted to see in the minutes, motion and supports, or any and all discussion. Commissioners should suggest what is wanted in the minutes.

Commissioner Cihak stating that in the time he has been a Commissioner there has been very little objection to the minutes. He thought that the August 18, 2010 minutes were slanted.

Commissioner Wallace agreed that over the years the minutes have been fine. He explained that Commissioners can correct or amend the minutes.

Chairperson Corkin announced that Michigan Works will be hosting an Economic Summit for business leaders throughout Upper Michigan. The Economic Summit will be held at Northern Michigan University, September 8, 2010.

Commissioner Heikkila voiced his concerns regarding the tape recording of the meetings. He is also concerned with tape storage.


Commissioner Pellow explained that she has never had a problem with minutes until tonight. She announced that in the future she will state "please note in minutes."

Commissioner Wallace announced that Marquette City has just installed a modern recording system.

Commissioner Cihak announced that there is MERS information is available in the Human Resources Office for review by County Employees.

**14. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.



Linda K. Talsma  
Deputy County Clerk

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Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson  
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Minutes Proposed for Approval on September 21, 2010.