

*Minutes are Subject to Correction and Approval***MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011 – 2:00 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 Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenualt, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen and Chairperson Bergdahl.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board Action: Commissioner Arsenualt moved to approve the minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on November 8, 2011, The Regular Meeting held December 6, 2011, and the Regular Meeting held on December 13 with the following; Commissioner Quayle corrected the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 13, 2011, to say that Captain Gustafson would like our administrator to respectfully ask the two District Court Judges and the Prosecutors Office for the time being until the backlog is eliminated, not to handle any cases in the Ishpeming Court. Seconded by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion approved.

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS. None.**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.**

Board Action: Commissioner Arsenualt moved to approve the agenda with the addition under Privileged Comment: Representative Huuki's Severance Tax Bill and under Late Additions: 11a) RNFL-Acquisitions. Seconded by Commissioner Pellow. Motion approved.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Cynthia Hoffman of 222 South 5th Street, Marquette, addressed the Commission concerning the decision not to hire Cheryl Hill as Civil Counsel.

City Insurance representative Buzz Tiseo reserved the right for himself and his associates Ron Pierce and Doug Anderson to speak during Privileged Comment or on Agenda Action Item 10e) Health Insurance.

Employee Benefits representative Vincent Rose reserved the right to speak during Privileged Comment or on Agenda Action Item 10e) Health Insurance.

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6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to approve Claims and Accounts for the period December 9, 2011 through December 22, 2011 for \$710,262.86. Seconded by Commissioner Corkin. Motion approved.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.

Humboldt Township Supervisor Joseph Derocha addressed the Commission concerning a bill being introduced by State Representative Matt of Huuki which he believed would be detrimental to Humboldt Township, area schools and Marquette County. He said the proposed bill would replace advalorem and personal taxes with a severance tax which would greatly reduce local tax revenues. Commissioners Pellow and Corkin related information concerning the bill from a recent meeting with representative Huuki.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

a. Correspondence from Jim Iwanicki, Marquette County Road Commission.

County Road Commission manager Jim Iwanicki provided the County Board with a resolution in support of the County Road Commission's DEQ permit application to construct County Road 595 and requesting the County Commissions support of the resolution.

Board Action: Commissioner Nordeen moved to adopt the resolution in support of Marquette County Road Commission's DEQ permit to construct County Road 595. Seconded by Commissioner Pellow. Motion approved. Commissioner Quayle voted nay.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Amended Health Department Plan of Organization.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to adopt the amended Health Department Plan of Organizations. Seconded by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion approved.

b. Westlaw Contract Renewal.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the renewal of the contract with Westlaw to provide public access to Westlaw Services in the county's law library. Seconded by Commissioner Heikkila. Motion approved.

c. Sheriff's Department Patrol Vehicle - 2012.

Captain David Lemire of the County Sheriff's Department, recommended accepting the bid to purchase two 2012 Chevrolet Impala 9C1 police patrol vehicles from Shaheen Chevrolet of Lansing Michigan for \$41,040.00 and recommended the acceptance of a trade-in bid for two used patrol cars to Chicago Motors for \$9,414.00 for a net expenditure of \$31,626.00.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to adopt Captain Lemire recommendation to purchase and trade-in of two patrol vehicles for with a net expenditure of \$31,626.00. Seconded by Commissioner Joseph. Motion approved.

Captain Lemire also recommended accepting the bid to purchase a 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe Special Service Vehicle 4X4 SUV from Shaheen Chevrolet for \$28,541.00.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to adopt Captain Lemire's recommendation to purchase the 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe Special Service Vehicle 4X4 SUV for \$28,541.00. Seconded by Commissioner Pellow. Motion approved.

d. Prosecuting Attorney Secretarial Position.

Finance Manager Sue Vercoe, presented the following:

There are two budget amendments for 2012 for consideration. With the appointment of Steve Adamini as civil counsel, the amounts previously budgeted for civil counsel will need to be adjusted. The amounts previously budgeted for personnel will no longer be needed in this department and are replaced with a Professional Services line item and an Overhead line item as approved by the board. The net reduction to the civil counsel budget is \$69,000 and as part of budget amendment #1 that amount has been added to the contingency line item.

Budget Amendment #2 would allow for reinstatement of the legal secretary position to the prosecutor's office. The board wanted to consider using part of the savings generated by the new arrangement for civil counsel to reinstate the position. The prosecutor's office is considering entering into a contract with the Department of Human Services to provide legal counsel for abuse and neglect cases if the clerical position is reinstated. These cases are currently handled by the prosecutor without reimbursement. The contract would allow for reimbursement through the Prosecuting Attorney for Foster Care Program (PROFC) but would require increased file documentation and reporting requirements. The contract could generate revenue of approximately \$50,000 annually. For amendment #2, I have included \$20,000 to support the reinstated position for 2012 and use of \$41,565 from the amount added to the contingency line item as a result of the change in the civil counsel budget.

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The Commission discussed with input from County Prosecutor Matt Weise how much revenue the proposed DHS contract may generate in 2012. The Commission asked for a revenue update from the Prosecutors Office after the first quarter in 2012.

Board Action: Commissioner Heikkila moved to approve the two budget amendments as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion approved. Commissioners Nordeen, Quayle and Cihak voted nay.

e. Health Insurance.

The Board of Commissioners considered proposals submitted by City Insurance Group and Employee Benefits Agency Inc. for 2012 health insurance coverage. Both proposals quoted rates for coverage equal to that outlined in the labor contracts. Specific information included total cost of renewal of the current coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield, the total cost to move to \$2500 and \$4,000 deductible plans respectively, both with 'fund back' to coverage levels outlined in the county's labor contracts.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to accept the bid from Employee Benefits with \$4,000 deductible to save \$761,049.20 and put that money aside to offset possible future expenses. Seconded by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion approved. Commissioner Corkin abstained.

Board Action: Commissioner Cihak moved that by the second meeting in January to have staff provide the Commission with information so they can at that time name or change the Agent of Record for County's Insurance Health Insurance Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Quayle. Motion approved.

f. Legal Services Civil Counsel – (Draft contract available for packet).

County Interim Administrator, Scott Erbish presented to the Commission a draft copy of the Contract to Employ Civil Counsel developed by Attorney Chris Cook with Stephen Adamini. The Commission discussed issues related to conflict of interest, termination conditions and time frames, charge back of legal fees, who the Civil Counsel will be communicating with and answering to and where county records will be kept. By consensus the Commission decided to keep 120 day written termination notice, three year term of employment and that Civil Counsel will be doing labor negotiations in the proposed contract. Conflict of interest issues will be referenced to Attorney Chris Cook.

Board Action: Commissioner Nordeen moved to move Late Addition Item 11a.RNFL Acquisitions, ahead of Action Item 10g MML –Administrative Search Update. Seconded by Commissioner Joseph. Motion approved

11. LATE ADDITION:**a. RNFL – Acquisitions.**

Jim Mennell Founder and past President of Renewafuel explained his plan to reacquire the corporation and make it operational with the backing of RNFL-Acquisitions. Interim County Administrator Scott Erbish presented the proposal

Board Action: Commissioner Heikkila moved to support the assignment of the lease from Renewafuel LLC to RNFL-Acquisitions for hangars 666 and 667 and parcels AL31A and AL62 and the proposed 6 month waiver of the rent given county interests are appropriately protected and upon concurrence with FAA. Seconded by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion approved.

10. g. MML – Administrative Search Update. (Reason for calendar).

The Commission decided to schedule a meeting with MML representative Alan Bakalarsky for Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 6:00 pm.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT. None**13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Captain David Lemire of 1706 Kimber Ave., Marquette, addressed the Commission regarding concerns with conflict of interest issues and hours the Sheriff's Department will need to contact the new Civil Counsel.


Under Sheriff Jack Schnieder of Chocolay Township stated he would like the maker of the motion recorded at a Regular Meeting of the Board on December 13, 2011, item LATE ADDITIONS: b. 2012 Compensation Recommendation for Non-Represented Employees to amend the motion to reflect that the exclusion of five retire/rehire employees from receiving a 1.5% wage increase was not correct. No action was taken.

Board Action: Commissioner Quayle moved to address the letter sent to Sheriff Lovelace from Steve Holman, Secretary/Treasurer of the Union concerning safety issues at the County Jail and the Detention Center at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Pellow. Motion approved.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to have staff work on an amendment with Delta County Equalization contract and bring it back to board for consideration. Seconded by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion approved.

14. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 p.m.



Peter Dishnow
County Clerk

Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners