

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2011 – 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 Cihak, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Nordeen, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Quayle and Chairperson Bergdahl. Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 5, 2011.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2011 Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS. None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the Agenda with the following Late Addition: Item 11a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the MERS Transfer Resolution. Second by Commissioner Cihak. Motion adopted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

- Lisa Johnson, Community Hand UP, thanked the Board for the time spent so far on the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center. She encouraged the Board to purchase the building.
- Randy Gentz, Chair, Marquette County Conservation District, updated the Board on recent activities. He also thanked the Board for the appropriation to the Conservation District from the Forestry Fund.
- Teresa Bertossi, Bill Hill, Aryel Headley, Ray Johnson, and Cindy Engle, addressed the Board in support of the “W”.

There being no further public comment, Chairperson Bergdahl 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 April 8, 2011 through April 14, 2011, in the amount of \$353,453.54. Second by Commissioner Joseph. Motion adopted.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT. None.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS. None.

10. ACTION ITEMS.

- a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Award the Bid for the Purchase of Patrol Vehicles for the Sheriff's Department.**

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation and award the bid to Frei Chevrolet and Amend the 2011 Capital Improvements Budget for the Sheriff's Department Patrol Vehicles to \$40,500. Second by Commissioner Heikkila. Motion adopted.

- b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Approve the Separation of the Jail and Road Patrol Personnel.**

Board Action: Commissioner Nordeen moved to adopt the Committee of the Whole Recommendation and approve the separation of the Jail Personnel and Road Patrol Personnel into two separate Collective Bargaining Units. Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion adopted.

- c. Consideration of Options for the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.**

Commissioner Quayle distributed and explained a Sawyer Community Needs Assessment. He also announced and congratulated Lisa Johnson on a Community HandUP Community Service Award.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to discuss the Options for the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center in Closed Session, and further that Item 11a) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the MERS Transfer Resolution, Item 12) Public Comment, and Item 13) Commissioners Comments, Staff Comments and Announcements, be moved up prior to voting to go into Closed Session. Second by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion adopted.

11. LATE ADDITIONS.**a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to Adopt the MERS Transfer Resolution.**

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation and adopt the following MERS Transfer Resolution checking the box which provides that employees *“Shall be given the individual choice to either be placed in the open plan or the closed division if it is the same plan type (in the division from which the employee is transferred from) provided there are active employees remaining in the closed plan type.”* Second by Commissioner Arsenault. After discussion and debate a roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen, Chairperson Bergdahl. Nays: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila. Motion adopted. Resolution follows:

Employer Resolution Establishing Uniform Transfer Provision

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette is a participating municipality or court in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (“MERS”); and

WHEREAS, the Standard MERS Transfer Rules became effective in August 2007; and

WHEREAS, under the Standard Rules, all transferees to a new division are covered under the active employee plan in the new division; where the defined benefit plan in the new division is closed to entrants, the accrued defined benefit (based on benefits, service and wages as of transfer date) of transferees is frozen as of transfer date.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Retirement Board action on November 10, 2010, the employing municipality or court will be allowed, on a one-time irrevocable and uniform basis, to adopt for all its MERS divisions (present and future) an alternate policy which allows all transferred employees an individual choice at the time of transfer to either be placed in: (1) the division's open plan, or (2) the closed plan if it is the same plan type, provided there are active employees remaining in the plan type.

WHEREAS, this alternate transfer provision applies to transferred employees only; rehired employees will continue to be enrolled into the active plan; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that effective April 19, 2011, the Governing Body adopts this Resolution (or for a participating court, the Chief Judge by Administrative Order) for all present and future employee divisions requiring that all transferred employees (select only one):

Shall be covered under the active employee plan in the division they are transferred into.

Shall be given the individual choice to either be placed in the open plan or the closed division if it is the same plan type (in the division from which the employee is transferred from) provided there are active employees remaining in the closed plan type.

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CERTIFICATION FOR PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITY OR COURT

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by (check one):

The Governing Body of the County of Marquette at its meeting held on April 19, 2011.

Administrative Order No. _____ adopted by the Chief Judge of the _____, on ___20__.

*Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Board of Commissioners*

12. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

- Peg Braamse, former county commissioner, spoke regarding unfunded mandates.
- Lisa Johnson, Community HandUP, reminded Commissioners of the Cheer's Contest through Readers Digest. She also announced acceptance in the Pepsi Challenge beginning May 1, 2011.
- Brief comments were made regarding equipment being taken out of the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center. Commissioner Nordeen provided an explanation.

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commissioner Quayle questioned a scheduled arbitration. He also questioned the use of the Circuit Courtroom by Senator Casperson for a townhall meeting. He requested the amount charged to Senator Casperson. He also requested that the County Board revisit the policy on use of the building.
- Commissioners Cihak responded to comments by Peg Braamse regarding unfunded mandates.

14. CLOSED SESSION.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268(d)(h). Second by Commissioner Nordeen. A roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen, Chairperson Bergdahl. Motion adopted 9 Ayes to 0 Nays.

Chairperson Bergdahl declared a two minute recess to clear Commission Chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into Open Session.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to direct Civil Counsel to negotiate an agreement with West Branch Township for the purchase of the "W" on a land contract for 15 years at approximately \$18,240 per year. Second by Commissioner Nordeen. After comments from Commissioners a roll call vote was recorded. Ayes: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen. Nays: Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Chairperson Bergdahl. Motion failed 5 Nays to 4 Ayes.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:40 p.m.



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk

Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Minutes Proposed for Approval on May 3, 2011.