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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 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 Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Pellow and Commissioner Nordeen. Absent and Excused: Chairperson Bergdahl.

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

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held on August 2, 2011. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS. None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Vice-Chairperson Cihak opened the meeting for public comment.

- Buzz Tiseo and Ron Pierce, City Insurance, wished the best to Steve Powers. They also requested an opportunity to bid on County health insurance. Discussion followed.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved that a discussion regarding health discussion be added to the Agenda as 10aa). Second by Commissioner Heikkila. Motion adopted.

There being no further public comment, Vice-Chairperson Cihak closed this portion of the meeting.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to approve Claims and Accounts for the period August 5, 2011 through August 11, 2011, in the amount of \$340,986.48; and Biweekly Payroll for the period ending August 6, 2011 in the amount of \$665,422.81. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.**8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT. None.****9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS. None.****10. ACTION ITEMS.**

- aa.** The County Board engaged in discussion with Buzz Tiseo and Ron Pierce, City Insurance, regarding the County's health insurance. City Insurance requests an opportunity to bid. Discussion followed.

Board Action: After discussion, Commissioner Pellow moved to place Liability, Health and Property insurance on the next Committee of the Whole agenda. Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion adopted.

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

- a.** Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the distribution of the proposed Marquette County Forest Management Plan.
- b.** Committee of the Whole Recommendation approving tentative FAA Grant Agreement No: 3-26-0153-3411 and MDOT Agreement 2011-0435 at \$354,350.00, with final approval on the date that staff actually takes possession of the FAA Grant, and authorize Chairman Bergdahl, Civil Counsel and the County Clerk to provide signatures to all documents where indicated.
- c.** Committee of the Whole Recommendation to authorize the Employment Agreement with Rick Lindstrom, Equalization Director.
- d.** Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Brownfield Partnership Contract between the Marquette County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
- g.** Committee of the Whole Recommendation to provide a total cost of BCBS premiums by suffix for the September 2012 Budget Work Session.

10. ACTION ITEMS: CONT'D.

- e.** Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Procedure for Requesting Information.

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Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the Procedure for Commissioners requesting information for a trial period until the first of the year. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted. (Commissioner Quayle and Commissioner Nordeen voted Nay).

- f. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve terms and conditions of Interim County Controller and Administrator.

Board Action: After discussion and debate, Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation approving the terms and conditions of the Interim County Controller and Administrator during the transition period. Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion adopted.

Board Action: After further discussion, Commissioner Pellow moved to start the process for hiring an Administrator by October 15, 2011. Second by Commissioner Quayle. Motion adopted. (Commissioner Corkin voted nay).

- h. Kennecott Letter of Support.

Administrator Powers announced that the Road Commission will be holding two informational meetings/hearings regarding the construction of Co. Rd. 595. He also distributed a draft letter of support for County Board consideration.

Board Action: After discussion, Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the following letter supporting the construction of Co. Rd. 595, and further that Jim Iwaniki, Road Commission Engineering Director, along with the Chairperson of the County Road Commission, be invited to attend a County Board meeting to provide an update explaining the permitting process. Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion adopted. (Commissioner Quayle voted no).

*Board of Marquette County Road Commissioners
1610 N. Second Street
Ishpeming, MI 49849*

Dear Road Commissioners:

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports the construction of CR 595. Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company will be mining ore from the Eagle Mine in 2013. Ely, Champion, Humboldt, Michigamme, Marquette, Powell, Republic, Richmond Townships, and the city of Marquette all support CR 595 as the hauling route for the Eagle Mine ore to a crushing facility in western Marquette County.

The new road will provide access to recreational opportunities for the public and benefit the timber, mining, and gravel industries. CR 595 will enhance highway public safety, emergency response, and emergency services to the north-central portion of Marquette County. CR 595 will decrease truck traffic in the city of Marquette, in residential areas, and on the congested U.S. 41 corridor.

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The Marquette County Road Commission has pledged to work closely with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to minimize and mitigate CR 595's impacts to the environment. While believing the Upper Peninsula has sufficient wetlands (Marquette County is 28% wetlands) and wildlife habitat, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners urges the Marquette County Road Commission to cooperate with the MDNR and the EPA to minimize and mitigate the agencies' environmental concerns.

Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company has provided engineering data, environmental studies, and other information to assist the Marquette County Road Commission with CR 595. Mr. Adam Burley, President, Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company, has agreed to commit funds to construct CR 595 if construction begins before May 2013. The commitment is a substantial demonstration of public-private partnership that is in the long-term best interest of Marquette County.

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners urges the Board of Marquette County Road Commissioners to proceed with the CR 595 permit application and with other actions necessary to meet the May 2013 construction schedule.

Thank you for your leadership on developing the Marquette County road system.

- i. Building 430 Roof Bid Recommendation. Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager, explained the following.

History:

The roof on building 430 leaks during rain storms and has continued to deteriorate. Attempts have been made with airport staff and a roofing contractor to locate the source of all of the leaks, but that was not successful. Due to the age and condition of the roof, the roof was identified for replacement.

Funding is in the 2011 budget for this project.

Bid Results:

Bids for the project were advertised twice in the Mining Journal and placed in the Builders Exchange. Three (3) responsive bids were received. The low bidder is from McGrath, Inc. out of Houghton, Michigan with a total bid of \$26,457.00. This bid is slightly below the estimated amount for the project.

Other bidders included:

- *Bell Roofing of Marquette, Michigan with a total bid of \$28,550.00*
- *Independent Roofing from Escanaba, Michigan with a total bid of \$26,918.00*

Recommendation:

Approve proceeding with the low responsive bid from McGrath, Inc. in the amount of \$26,457.00.

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Board Action: After discussion and debate, Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the Roof Replacement for Building 430 and award the bid to McGrath, Inc., in the amount of \$26,457. Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion adopted. (Commissioner Quayle and Commissioner Nordeen voted nay).

11. LATE ADDITIONS. None.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT.

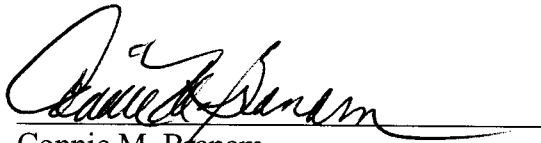
Vice-Chairperson Cihak opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commissioner Heikkila questioned flights out of Sawyer International Airport.

15. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 p.m.



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk

Jim Cihak, Vice-Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Minutes Proposed for Approval on September 6, 2011.