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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 1, 2011.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2011 Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners. Second by Commissioner Joseph.
Motion adopted.

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

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

- Jim Gallant, Skandia, requested to speak to item 10c) Committee of the Whole Recommendation to amend the Airport Advisory Bylaws.

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 February 4, 2011 through February 10 2011, in the amount of \$288,093.22; and BiWeekly Payroll for the period ending February 5, 2011 in the amount of \$671,667.77. 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 approve the KARS (Kids Always Ride Safely) Fee Structure.**

Board Action: Commissioner Quayle moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation adopting the KARS Program Fee Structure for WIC fees and the KARS Program Fee Structure for Extended Family fees. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

- b. **Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the MERS Employer Resolution Establishing a Uniform Transfer Provision.**

Board Action: After discussion, Commissioner Quayle moved to request a written legal opinion from Civil Counsel concerning the question of whether or not anyone in the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney can give legal advice to the County Commission concerning the legal status, or any part thereof, of the Opt-Out Plan or the Retire-Rehire Plan, when several members of the staff of that office are receiving financial benefits under either of those plans. Also, that the opinion specifically address: 1) Any rules of the legal profession concerning conflicts or differences in the financial interests of the client and the financial interest of the attorney; 2) Any Michigan statutes dealing with public officials when there is a potential conflict between the financial interest of the public official and/or his staff and the financial interest of the governmental unit being served. Second by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion adopted.

- c. **Committee of the Whole Recommendation to amend the Airport Advisory Bylaws.**

Jim Gallant, Skandia, addressed the Board regarding Rules of Order and Bylaws. He also requested that approval of the agenda be considered before public comment at Airport Advisory Committee meetings.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation modifying the Airport Advisory Bylaws. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted. (Commissioner Heikkila voted no).

- d. **Committee of the Whole Recommendation to continue with the USDA RD Loan and Grant.**

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Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation to continue to proceed with the project for wastewater treatment plant improvements and seek the USDA RD loan and grant. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

- e. **Committee of the Whole Recommendation to form an Ad Hoc Committee to draft a recommendation regarding the West Branch Fitness Center.**

Board Action: After discussion, Commissioner Nordeen moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation to form an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of three Commissioners, Forsyth and West Branch Townships, and Community Hand Up, to meet and come back to the Board in three weeks with a recommendation. Second by Commissioner Quayle. A roll call vote was recorded: Ayes: Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen, Chairperson Bergdahl. Nays: Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph. Motion adopted 5 Ayes/3 Nays.

- f. **County Treasurer/Land Bank Authority Update.**

Anne Giroux, County Treasurer, presented the 2010 County Treasurer Annual Report. Parcels forfeited, parcels foreclosed, preliminary 2010 budget results, the 2010 tax foreclosure, investment highlights, dog licenses, and a summary of other accomplishments were explained.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to accept the County Treasurer 2010 Annual Report for file. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

Anne Giroux, County Treasurer, also presented the 2010 Land Bank Authority Annual Report. Highlights of 2009 and 2010 Land Bank projects and 2010 preliminary actual results were explained.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to accept the Land Bank Authority 2010 Annual Report for file. Second by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion adopted.

- g. **Building Code Vehicle.**

James S. O'Donnell, Building Official, presented the following:

On 2-7-2011 at 3:00 P.M. proposals were opened for a 2011 4x4 pickup to replace a code inspectors vehicle. There were 5 proposals received.

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• Fox – Marquette	\$19,565.00
• Fox – Negaunee	\$19,309.00
• Frei Chevrolet – Marquette	\$18,997.00
• Whiteside Chevy, Buick – Ohio	\$19,310.00
• Public Service – Marquette	\$20,026.59

\$21,000 was budgeted for a construction codes vehicle replacement in the 2011 capital projects. It is my recommendation that Frei Chevrolet of Marquette be awarded the purchase order for the vehicle. Frei Chevrolet submitted the low bid for a 2011 Chevrolet Colorado Extended Cab 4x4 Pickup truck. The current code vehicle is not being traded in.

Board Action: Commissioner Heikkila moved that Frei Chevrolet of Marquette be awarded the purchase order for the 2011 Chevrolet Colorado Extended Cab 4x4 pickup truck in the amount of \$18,997.00. Second by Commissioner Quayle. Motion adopted.

h. Appointment to the Planning Commission.

County Clerk, Connie Branam, presented the following:

Commissioners, at your December 14, 2010 meeting a Planning Commission Ordinance allowing for a seventh member to be added to the Marquette County Planning Commission. It was the intent of the County Board to fill the vacancy with representation of an educational interest.

The vacancy was posted on the Marquette County Website and an article was printed in the Mining Journal. As of today there have been no applicants.

Chairperson Bergdahl reviewed the applications which were submitted for appointment in December to the Planning Commission. Attached are those of Robert Chapman, Marquette and James L. Goodman, Chocolay Township.

A motion would be in order to appoint one of the applicants to the Planning Commission, or if you prefer a roll call ballot.

Board Action: After discussion, on a roll call ballot, James L. Goodman, Chocolay Township, was appointed to the Marquette County Planning Commission. Initial term will end 12/31/11.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

- Jim Gallant, Skandia, spoke regarding bylaws, rules of order, the Airport Advisory Committee and ad hoc committees.

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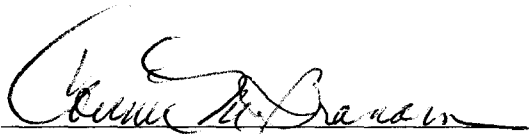
There being no further no further public comment, Chairperson Bergdahl closed this portion of the meeting.

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commissioner Corkin reported on a Mental Health Meeting held on Thursday, February 10, 2011.
- Commissioner Quayle requested that the Space Project be on the next agenda.
- Commissioner Quayle moved to recognize Captain David Lemire and all other employees for their contribution in assisting with the visit of President Obama visit. Second by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion adopted.
- Commissioner Nordeen responded to comments by Jim Gallant.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.



Connie M. Branam
Marquette County Clerk

Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Minutes Proposed for Approval on March 1, 2011.