

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 18, 2011.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2011 Organizational Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners as presented. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. 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 addition: Item 12i) Report from Retire/Rehire Ad Hoc Committee-General Discussion. Second by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion adopted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

- Don Potvin, Marquette, read an email from Judge Michael Anderegg, dated January 5, 2011. He requested that an apology be made to himself as well as his wife Joanne.
- Ava Miller, Marquette, Cynthia Pryor, Big Bay, Amy Conover, Marquette, Frank Verito, Marquette, Kathryn Parker, Marquette, Margaret Comfort, Michigamme, Kristi Mills, Big Bay, and Martha Bush, Big Bay, all spoke in opposition of the Kennecott Eagle Mine Project.

Chairperson Bergdahl closed Public Comment. Time limit exceeded 20 minutes in total.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Board Action: Commissioner Arsenault moved to approve Claims and Accounts for the period January 14, 2011 through January 27, 2011, in the amount of \$899,659.76; and BiWeekly Payroll for the period ending January 22, 2011 in the amount of \$691,784.46. Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion adopted.

**Commissioner Cihak called a point of order referencing the amended Rules of Order Section IV-13. Public Comment.*

Board Action: Commissioner Heikkila moved to continue Public Comment. Seconded by Commissioner Quayle. Motion adopted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT CON'T.

Chairperson Bergdahl re-opened the meeting for public comment.

- Gene Champagne, Big Bay, Charlotte Wickstrom, Big Bay, and Laura Nagle, Marquette, all spoke in opposition of the Kennecott Eagle Mine Project.

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

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT. None.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS. None.

10. ACTION ITEMS.

- a. 2011 Contracts for Senior Services.** Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, presented the following:

The 2011 budget provides funding for these contracts for millage funded services to seniors in Marquette County.

The 6 contracts include \$64,443 to AMCAB for home delivered meals; \$3,421 to Marquette Adult Day Services; \$88,509 to Forsyth Township Senior Center; \$185,929 to the Ishpeming Senior Center; \$251m364 to the Marquette Senior Center and \$84,603 for the Negaunee Senior Center. The budget also provides \$23,152 for the RSVP Medical Transportation program.

The allocation amounts represent a 5% increase over the 2010 allocations. Allocations to the senior centers are based on the OSA recommended funding formula.

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Staff recommends that Chairman Bergdahl be authorized to sign the contracts on behalf of the county.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the 2011 Contracts for Senior Services, as presented by Sue Vercoe, Finance Manager, and authorize Chairman Bergdahl to sign the contracts. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

12. CLOSED SESSION.

Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel, advised the Board that Closed Session item 12h be considered separate from the Bargaining Agreements.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of MCL 15.268(c) - Strategy and Negotiations Sessions Connected with the following Negotiations of the Collective Bargaining Agreements. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. A roll call vote was recorded: 9 Ayes (Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen and Chairperson Bergdahl) to 0 Nays. Motion adopted.

- a. Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement for Airport Employees – Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.
- b. Consideration of Collective Bargaining Agreement for Sheriff’s Department Deputies- Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.
- c. Consideration of 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement- Courthouse Employees- Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.
- d. Consideration of 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Senior Officers- Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.
- e. Consideration of 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Central Dispatch- Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.
- f. Consideration of 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Health Dept. AFSCME- Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.
- g. Consideration of 2011 Collective Bargaining Agreement for Health Dept. Nurses- Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

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

CLOSED SESSION

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The County Board came back into Open Session. No action was taken as a result of the Closed Session. The Board chose to discuss Closed Session item 12h in Open Session.

12h. Consideration of Attorney Client Privileged Material re: Resolution of Retire-Rehire Issue Submitted 1-11-2011 – Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) Material Exempt from Discussion or Disclosure by State or Federal Statute.

Commissioners discussed a Resolution of Retire-Rehire Issue submitted by Commissioner Nordeen submitted January 11, 2011. Discussion and debate followed.

Board Action: Commissioner Quayle moved to hire an attorney/firm who specializes in pension/employee benefits to review Marquette County's Retire/Rehire Policy from November 16, 2004 (when it was adopted) to the present and report directly to the Board. Also recommend to Chairperson Bergdahl, that a Sub-Committee be established comprised of Commissioners Heikkila, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Nordeen and Chairperson Bergdahl to obtain information on hiring the above and gather questions/information from all Board Members for the attorney to address. Second by Commissioner Pellow. A roll call vote was recorded: 9 Ayes (Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen and Chairperson Bergdahl) to 0 Nays. Motion adopted.

12i. Report from Retire/Rehire Ad Hoc Committee-General Discussion.

Board Action: Commissioner Heikkila moved to send a letter to the MERS Board requesting that MERS Counsel give the Marquette County Board of Commissioners a response in a timely manner regarding the letter written by Cheryl Hill, Civil Counsel, dated November 17, 2010. Second by Commissioner Cihak. Motion adopted.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment. None was forthcoming.

14. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Chairperson Bergdahl reported on a Operation Action U.P. Meeting at Sawyer. Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Cihak, and Scott Erbsch, Sawyer Operations Manager, also attended. Chairperson Bergdahl was presented with an award which represents development of K.I. Sawyer over the past 15 years.
- Chairperson Bergdahl announced that the County Administrator evaluation is due.

- Commissioner Quayle moved that the following information be made available to Commissioners: 1) Amount County Budgeted and paid to MERS for years 2000-2010 and amount budgeted for 2011; 2) List of all Marquette County Retirees/Rehires including Elected, Appointed, Non-Union, Union, beginning in January 2004 - December 2010 for the Opt-Out Retire/Rehire Programs offered by Marquette County including names, age at retirement, years of service, department, job position held (elected, appointed, non-union, union), date of retirement, date of rehire, annual wage, retirement annual benefit, and increases for each year; Amount of annual wage for all years after rehire and date of retirement if applicable; and 3) How many different health care plans Marquette County offers. Second by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion adopted.
- Commissioner Cihak reported on a recent meeting with Representatives from Mead and Hunt. Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager, and Keith Kaspari, Airport Manager, were also in attendance.
- Commissioner Pellow announced ***Go Pack Go!***

15. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m.

Linda K. Talsma
Deputy County Clerk

Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Minutes Proposed for Approval on February 15, 2011.