
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 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 Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Pellow and Chairperson Bergdahl. Absent and Excused: Commissioner Cihak and Commissioner Nordeen.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2011.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the County Board of Commissioners held on September 21, 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 with the following addition: Closed Session Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) Material Exempt from Discussion or Disclosure by State or Federal Statute. Public Comment and Commissioners Comments will be moved ahead of the Closed Session. Second by Commissioner Joseph. Motion adopted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

Board Action: Due to the number of people in attendance, Commissioner Corkin moved to extend public comment beyond the time limit of 20 minutes total to allow time for all who wished to speak. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

- Lisa Johnson, Skandia, spoke regarding the “W” auction.
- Jerry Irby, City of Marquette; Mike Angeli, City of Marquette Chief of Police; Greg Zyburt, Chocolay Township Chief of Police; Sue Kensington, Women’s Center Board of Directors; and Jim Bjerne, Ishpeming Township; spoke regarding the proposed budget cuts in the Prosecutor’s Office.
- Arnold Sirtola, Ewing Township Supervisor, spoke regarding Ewing Township roads.

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 September 23, 2011 through September 29, 2011 in the amount of \$84,341.00. This amount includes check #124397 to Cihak Investigative Services in the amount of \$622.81. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.**8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT.****a. Circuit Court Judge Thomas L. Solka re: County Clerk Appointment.**

Judge Solka announced the appointment Peter J. Dishnow as Marquette County Clerk, filling the vacancy to be created by the resignation of the current County Clerk, Connie Branam, effective October 31, 2011. Judge Solka cited Michigan Statute MCL 201.35 and the Michigan Constitution Article VI, Section 14 regarding the filling of vacancies. Judge Solka introduced Mr. Dishnow and spoke regarding his experience and qualifications.

Mr. Dishnow was present to thank the Judges and address Commissioners.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to place on file Informational Item 9a) Marquette County Health Assessment Meeting. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

10. ACTION ITEMS.**a. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the Inter-local Funding Agreements.**

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to adopt the Committee of the Whole Recommendation approving the Inter-Local Funding Agreements for the FY2009 and FY 2010 Homeland Security Grant. Second by Commissioner Heikkila. Motion adopted.

b. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to approve the IGT Authorizing Resolution.

Board Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation adopting the following IGT Authorizing Resolution. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

IGT AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Marquette County is committed to supporting programs that provide access to appropriate health care services for low-income residents of all fifteen (15) Upper Peninsula Counties;

WHEREAS, the Federal government has approved Michigan's Medicaid State Plan Amendment TN No. 05-13 effective June 1, 2006, which creates an "Indigent Care Agreements Pool" for hospitals qualifying for Medicaid Disproportionate Share ("DSH") payments to receive DSH payments under the Indigent Care Agreements Pool so long as: (a) the hospital has an Indigent Care Agreement with a local health care entity, such as Medical Care Access Coalition; and (b) the Indigent Care Agreement stipulates that direct or indirect health care services be provided to low-income patients with special needs who are not covered under other public or private health care programs;

WHEREAS, Medical Care Access Coalition purposes include promoting, organizing, managing, and administering programs to create a system for providing or arranging and paying for health care services in a cost effective manner for persons unable to pay for such health care services;

WHEREAS, Medical Care Access Coalition has entered into an Indigent Care Agreement with Portage Health, Grandview Hospital, Bell Hospital, and Marquette General Health System, requiring Medical Care Access Coalition to directly or indirectly operate a program of arranging and paying for health care to low-income individuals with special needs who are not covered under other public or private health care programs and who are unable to pay for such services;

WHEREAS, both the Federal government and the State of Michigan participate in the financing of the Indigent Care Agreements Pool, with the Federal government matching the State's portion pursuant to the Federal medical assistance percentage formula;

WHEREAS, certain intergovernmental transfers of public funds from Marquette County may be made to the State of Michigan to be used as the State's share in claiming the Federal match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes intergovernmental transfers in an amount of \$304,192.33 annually, to the State of Michigan for the purpose of participating in the financing of the non-federal share of DSH payments made under the Indigent Care Agreements Pool to Portage Health, Grandview Hospital, Bell Hospital, and Marquette General Health System, so long as Medical Care Access Coalition maintains a current Indigent Care Agreement with Portage Health, Grandview Hospital, Bell Hospital, and Marquette General Health System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective commencing on October 1, 2011 and ending September 30, 2012.

Charles Bergdahl, Chairman
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

c. Committee of the Whole Recommendation to adopt the DHS Proposal.

Board Action: Commissioner Arsenault moved to approve the Committee of the Whole Recommendation adopting the following proposal amending the current Agreement with the Department of Human Services (DHS). Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion adopted.

- Amend the current agreement to add 3,400 sf of space on the first floor of the annex building for a grand total of 13,825 sf to the DHS for an annual amount of \$200,462.50 (\$16,705.21 per month).
- 1% annual multiplier to cover increased costs for labor, utilities, maintenance, etc.

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- Ten-year term beginning October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2021, with two five-year renewal options by the state. The existing agreement does include language that the “lease may be cancelled by either party during any period of possession, if: The other party is notified in writing at least ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of cancellation.”
- No build-out requirements.

d. Committee of the Whole Recommendation regarding the Reapportionment Bill.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved that the County Board approve the following Committee of the Whole Recommendations. Second by Commissioner Heikkila.

- Committee of the Whole Recommendation to direct that Civil Counsel not communicate with the Attorney General regarding the reapportionment bill without the consent of the County Board.
- Committee of the Whole Recommendation to: 1) Direct Civil Counsel to contact the law firm of Kendricks, Bordeau, Adamini, Chillman & Greenlee, P.C. for clarification regarding the reapportionment bill; 2) the County Board review the new and clarified bill from the law firm of KBAC&G, PC; 3) the County Board review the letter previously drafted to the Attorney General by Civil Counsel regarding the redistricting issue; 4) direct Civil Counsel to send a letter, after review by the County Board, to Representative Lindberg to request the Attorney General review the bill from the KBAC&G, PC law firm.

After discussion, a roll call vote was recorded: Ayes: Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Pellow and Chairperson Bergdahl. Nay: Commissioner Quayle. Motion adopted.

11. LATE ADDITIONS. None.**12. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

- Phyllis Loonsfoot, Women’s Center Director; Shirley Clark, NMU Public Safety Officer; Jill Jarvi, Sandy Place, Lisa Place, and Jan DeMarte, Prosecutor’s Office Support Staff; Judge Thomas Solka; and Detective Gordy Warchock, Marquette City Police; all spoke regarding the proposed budget cuts in the Prosecutor’s Office.
- Arnold Sirtola, Ewing Township Supervisor, requested County Board support for Ewing Township Roads.

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commissioner Quayle recognized Central Dispatch and all who contributed their efforts during the recent wind storm. He also had questions regarding the advertisement for the Civil Counsel position.
- Commissioner Corkin reported on discussions at the U.P. Commissioners Conference regarding Personal Property Tax and Unfunded Mandates.

14. CLOSED SESSION - Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) Material Exempt from Discussion or Disclosure by State or Federal Statute.

Board Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to go into Closed Session Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) regarding material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute. Second by Commissioner Joseph. A roll call vote was recorded: Ayes: Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Arsenault, Commissioner Pellow and Chairperson Bergdahl. Nays: None. Motion adopted.

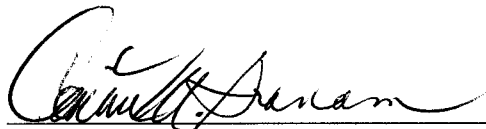
Chairperson Bergdahl declared a five minute recess to clear Commission Chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into Open Session at approximately 7:29 p.m. No action was taken as a result of the Closed Session.

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 October 18, 2011.