
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011 – 6:30 P.M. – ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.

- Call to Order by Chair at 6:30 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 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 9, 2010.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on November 9, 2010. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Arsenault moved to approve the Agenda with the following Addition: Item 6e) Marquette County Conservation District Update. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

- Jim Gallant, Skandia, asked to speak to Item 6c) Board of Commissioners Rules of Order.
- Lisa Johnson, Skandia, spoke regarding the many services the “W” provides to the community.

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

5. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Arsenault moved to approve Claims and Accounts for the period December 30, 2010 through January 6, 2011 in the amount of \$414,705.40; and Electronic Payments Totaling \$81,684.15. Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion adopted.

6. AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. **Senior Network Presentation.**

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Sue Vercoe, Marquette County Aging Services Department, introduced Lori Stephens-Brown, AMCAB-Meals on Wheels and Co-Chair of the Senior Service Provider Network; Senior Service Provider Network members Julie Shaw, Director of the Senior Center, Dixie Franklin, RSVP Volunteer, and Paul Guindon, U.P. Home Health. They showed a video which was created for the purpose of raising awareness at the state, county and local levels. Their message focuses on the cost SAVING services that the community agencies provide. T

The Marquette County Senior Providers' Network Participating Agencies are as follows: Alzheimers' Association; AMCAB Outreach; AMCAB Senior Meals; Arcadia; Brookridge Heights Assisted Living; Forsyth Senior Center; Lake Superior Hospice; Lutheran Social Services; Marquette Adult Day Services; Marquette County Aging Services; Marquette County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; Marquette General Home Health; Marquette General Hospital Memory Clinic; Marquette Senior Center; Negaunee Senior Center; UPCAP; U.P. Home Health, Hospice, and Private Duty; UP SAIL; YMCA of Marquette County; and the following individuals: Cathy Church; Yvonne Clark; Dixie Franklin; Paula Kiesling; Don Kristola; Waino Liuha and Barbara Wiegand. Commissioners thanked the Senior Service Provider Network for all their hard work with Senior Services. No action was taken.

b. Forsyth Township-Aircraft Emergency Response Agreement/Public Safety Building Lease.

Scott Erbisch, Sawyer Operations Manager, presented the following:

I recently met with Forsyth Township Supervisor Joe Minelli to discuss the expiring Aircraft Emergency Response Agreement. In 2010, the County paid Forsyth Township \$12,000 for emergency response support for aviation-related emergencies. This was a \$2,000 reduction from 2009.

Discussion Outcome:

The main focus of the discussion was on the annual payment amount. It was agreed, pending County Board and Township Board approvals, to reduce the annual Aircraft Emergency Response Agreement to \$10.00 for 2011. In return for the reduction in the annual payment, the Sawyer Water and Wastewater Department will provide, at no cost, up to 10 hours of use of an operator and the departments sanitary sewer vacuum truck.

The extension of the Aircraft emergency Response Agreement is also dependent on the need for Forsyth Township to continue to use and occupy the Sawyer Public Safety Building. Forsyth Township is currently leasing the Public Safety Building from Marquette County for \$1.00 per year. Forsyth Township is also responsible for all utilities and maintenance on the facility.

Recommendation

Approve entering into a one-year Aircraft Emergency Response Agreement with Forsyth Township with an annual payment of \$10,000 (\$2,500 quarterly payments) to Forsyth Township. The term of the agreement is to be from January 1, 2011, through December 31, 2011. All other terms of the agreement will remain the same. No budget adjustment will be needed as this level of funding is available for this agreement.

Approve entering into a one-year lease with Forsyth Township for the use of the Sawyer Public Safety Building with an annual payment of \$1.00. Forsyth Township will be responsible for all utility costs and building and grounds maintenance.

Funding for this agreement has been included in the approved 2011 Sawyer Airport budget.

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Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to approve the Agreement/Lease terms as recommended by Scott Erbish, Sawyer Operations Manager. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

c. Board of Commissioners Rules of Order Proposed Amendments.

James Gallant, Skandia, addressed the Committee regarding Rules of Order Section VI-Debate. He requested that an adhoc committee be formed to review this section.

Committee of the Whole Action: After discussion regarding proposed amendments to various sections of the Board of Commissioners Rules of Order Commissioner Pellow moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board approve the following Amendments to the Rules of Order. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

II-4. STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Present Language:

II-4.3 When meeting as a Committee of the Whole, the Board is ~~strictly prohibited~~ from taking any formal final action on any business then before the Board of any committee of the Board.

Proposed Language:

II-4.3 When meeting as a Committee of the Whole, the Board is *cautioned* from taking any formal final action on any business then before the Board of any committee of the Board *without the express approval, made in the form of a motion and approved by a majority of the board members present.*

IV-13. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Present Language:

Public Comment is an opportunity for citizens of the County to voice their opinions concerning issues regarding the operation of County government in Marquette County. Individuals will be limited to five minutes per person, not to exceed 20 minutes in total. The County Clerk will be responsible to keep time on individuals and inform the Board Chairperson when time limits have expired. At the close of Public Comment County Board members may address issues raised by citizens during the Public Comment Session.

Proposed Language:

Public Comment is an opportunity for citizens of the County to voice their opinions concerning issues regarding the operation of County government in Marquette County. Individuals will be limited to five minutes per person *with a one minute warning issued by the Chairperson that time is about to expire, not to exceed 20 minutes in total unless waived by Chairperson the majority of Board present.* The County Clerk will be responsible to keep time on individuals and inform the Board Chairperson when time limits have expired. At the close of Public Comment County Board members may address issues raised by citizens during the Public Comment Session.

IV-15. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Present Language:

IV-15.3 The Clerk shall thereupon cause Notice of the scheduled Special Meeting to be given to each of the Commissioners not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled Special Meeting, by any of the following methods:

- a. by causing a copy of the written Notice to be delivered personally to the Commissioners; or,
- b. by causing a copy of the written Notice to be left at the residence of the Commissioner; or,
- c. verbally, either in person or by telephone, at which time the written Notice shall be read to the Commissioners verbatim. If this method of notice is used, the verbal notice shall be given only to a Commissioner personally, or and a message left with another person, or on a telephone answering device, shall not be considered sufficient notice for purposes of this Section. The Clerk shall cause to be made, contemporaneously with the delivery of such Notice, a record indicating the method, location, date and time that such Notice was provided to each Commissioner, and, if by telephone, the number at which such Commissioner was reached.

Proposed Language:

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- a. by causing a copy of the written Notice to be delivered personally *or via e-mail* to the Commissioners; or,
- b. by causing a copy of the written Notice to be left at the residence of the Commissioner; or,
- c. verbally, either in person or by telephone *or cell phone*, at which time the written Notice shall be read to the Commissioners verbatim. If this method of notice is used, the verbal notice *may* be given to a Commissioner personally, or a message left with another person, or *a message left* on a telephone answering device, *will be* considered sufficient notice for purposes of this Section. The Clerk shall cause to be made, contemporaneously with the delivery of such Notice, a record indicating the method, location, date and time that such Notice was provided to each Commissioner, and, if by telephone, the number at which such Commissioner was reached.

VII-1. Roll Call Votes: Commissioners Present; Excuse.

A roll call vote shall proceed ~~alphabetically~~ *by district* from the person making the motion, with the Chair voting last. Every member who shall be present when a question is last stated by the Chair, and no others, shall vote for or against the same, unless the Board shall excuse him/her, or unless he/she be prohibited by law from voting on the question.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Heikkila then moved that the 6:30 p.m. meeting time previously adopted be changed back to 6:00 p.m. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted. Change effective January 18, 2010.

d. 2010 Year-End Priorities and 2010 Accomplishments.

Steve Powers, County Administrator, explained the Board of Commissioners Year-End 2010 Priorities Status. He also presented 2010 Departmental Accomplishments.

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Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to accept for file the 2010 Year-End Priorities and 2010 Departmental Accomplishments. Second by Commissioner Arsenault. Motion adopted.

e. Marquette County Conservation District Update.

Bernie Huetter, Vice-Chairperson, MCCD Board of Directors, and Mike LaPointe, Regional Representative, USDA, were present and announced that the Marquette County Conservation District now has a full time Forester. He also explained a 2008 Farm Bill. Any questions can be directed to Jean Gagliardo, Local District Conservationist at 226-8871. No action was taken.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment:

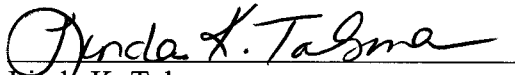
- Lisa Johnson, Skandia, encouraged Commissioners to include the “W” in their list of priorities for 2011.
 - James Gallant, Skandia, spoke regarding suicide prevention and jail services.
- There being no further public comment, Chairperson Bergdahl closed this portion of the meeting.

8. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commissioner Corkin reported on the January 7, 2011 U.P. 911 Committee. He announced that he was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.
- Commissioner Quayle questioned whether Charter digital recordings could be uploaded to the County Website and if extra copies could be supplied to the libraries.
- Commissioner Quayle also read an e-mail from Judge Anderegg in reference to comments at a recent meeting by speaker Don Potvin. He felt the e-mail inappropriate.
- Commissioner Nordeen drafted and distributed his suggestion to resolving the retire/rehire issue. He requested that it be added to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Commissioner Corkin explained the consensus taken in February regarding rehires.
- Commissioner Pellow explained again that it was her understanding that retirees be rehired on a very limited basis.
- Commissioner Joseph feels that Staff should draft a policy to be brought back to the Board. He explained that Staff is aware of issues and/or conflicts the Board may not be aware of.
- Commissioner Heikkila called a point of order. He did not feel it proper to discuss or debate retire/rehire under Commissioner Comment.
- Commissioner Pellow feels input from Staff is necessary when drafting a retire/rehire policy.
- Commissioner Corkin announced a Road Commission meeting scheduled for January 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.



Linda K. Talsma
Deputy County Clerk

Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Minutes Proposed for Approval on January 25, 2011.