
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 – 6:00 P.M. – ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855

1. ROLL CALL.

- 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 Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen and Chairperson Bergdahl.
Absent and Excused: Commissioner Cihak, Commissioner Joseph and Commissioner Arsenault.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2011.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on August 23, 2011 with the following correction: Item 6b) Jim Iwanicki, Road Commission Engineering Director, was present to ~~answer questions~~ **update Commissioners**. Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion adopted. (Commissioner Quayle voted No).

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to approve the Agenda with the following additions: Agenda Item 6e) Budget Schedule; 9b) Closed Session: Attorney Client Material MCL 15.268(h) -State Lease. Second by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion adopted.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

- Bob Struck, West Branch Township, asked the Board to consider his application to the Planning Commission.

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 Corkin moved to approve Claims and Accounts for the period September 2, 2011 through September 8, 2011 in the amount of \$256,136.24; and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending September 3, 2011 in the amount of \$692,667.41. Second by Commissioner Heikkila. Motion adopted.

6. AGENDA ITEMS:

a. Letter of Support from Jim Sodergren, Former Marquette County Treasurer.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to accept for file the Letter of Support for the Construction of Co. Rd. 595 from former Marquette County Treasurer, Jim Sodergren. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

b. Resolution Recognizing the Service of Sands Township Supervisor, Earl Yelle.

Commissioner Heikkila read the following Resolution:

*MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE, DEDICATION
AND SELFLESSNESS OF EARL YELLE AND HIS FAMILY*

WHEREAS, Earl Yelle was born April 27, 1933 on the Yelle family farm in Sands Township, to Joseph and Armelia Yelle, and

WHEREAS, Earl spent his childhood and adult life living on that same farm in Sands Township and raised a family of six children with his wife Charlotte, and

WHEREAS, Earl was a man who knew the value of hard work and dedication, and raised his children to see they have an obligation to make their community a better place to live for their generation and the generations that will follow, and

WHEREAS, Earl was elected as the Supervisor of Sands Township, and

WHEREAS, Earl has served the citizens of Sands Township in many capacities over his many years; including, but not limited to the Township Supervisor, Tax Assessor, Marquette Solid Waste Advisory Board, KI Sawyer Air Force Base Decommissioning Committee, and

WHEREAS, Earl's warmth, wisdom, humor, knowledge and proven leadership skills; has earned him the respect of his fellow board members, township staff and colleagues he has served with throughout Marquette County, and

WHEREAS, Earl has always treated his fellow board members with respect and valued their opinions even when they disagreed with his and provided excellent leadership as supervisor, demonstrated initiative and perseverance through difficult decision making and times of great change within the township, and

WHEREAS, Earl's family had to make great sacrifices over the years, and this board recognizes that when an individual serves in the capacity as an elected official their family serves also.

WHEREAS, Earl Yelle passed away on January 19, 2011 on the family farm where he was born and lived throughout his lifetime.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board expresses its sincere sympathy to Earl Yelle's family, friends and colleagues. The Board honors Earl for over 40 years of dedication to this county as he served others through his choice. Earl will truly be missed.

*Proclaimed this 13th day of September, 2011
Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners*

Present to accept Earl Yelle's plaque was his daughter and friends of the family.

c. Resolution Recognizing the Service of Michigamme Township Supervisor, John Olson.

Commissioner Pellow read the following resolution:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JOHN OLSON**

WHEREAS, John was elected Supervisor of Michigamme Township in 1970. At that time he was the youngest government official elected at the age of 25. He held that position with initiative and perseverance through difficult decision making times and changes in the Township. One of his main goals was to be frugal with tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, John grew up in a life filled with public service as his parents served on various township and school boards. He carried on that tradition throughout his life, focusing on the betterment of his community, and

WHEREAS, John was instrumental in developing the Michigamme Museum, the Library, and the renovation of the Community Building and Township Office. John worked to combine the Michigamme Spurr Townships Fire Departments and the First Responder Team, helping to ensure that both departments are able to handle emergency situations, and

WHEREAS, John chaired the Fourth of July Committee for many years and organized the school reunions. He was well respected in the Community for his volunteering on different organizations and boards, and

WHEREAS, John was the Western Upper Peninsula District 1 Director of the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors (MATS). He held several offices in the Marquette County Townships Association including Treasurer, President, and currently served as Vice President, and

WHEREAS, John also chaired the Marquette County Transit Authority, and Delegate to the Marquette County Solid Waste Management and the West Marquette County Sanitation Authority. He traveled extensively across the State to attend the Community Advisory Group to develop the mining laws for Kennecott Eagle Minerals, and

WHEREAS, John, fondly referred to as Mayor, was highly regarded by his colleagues and members of the community, and

WHEREAS, John Olson passed away on August 25, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board expresses its sincere sympathy to John Olson's family, friends and colleagues. The Board honors John for over 40 years of dedication to this county as he served others through his choice. John will truly be missed.

*Proclaimed this 13th day of September, 2011
Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
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Present to accept the Resolution was John's brother, Paul Olson, friends and colleagues.

d. Appointments to the Planning Commission and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Due to the resignation of Michelle Jarvi a vacancy exists for an unexpired term ending 12-31-2012 from the Marquette County Planning Commission. Please find attached an application from Bob Struck, West Branch Township.

Michelle Jarvi also served on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, as a Planning Commission Member. Ken Kaiser, Marquette County Planning Commission, has asked to be appointed by the County Board to fill this position on the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority also has one vacancy for a 3 year term ending 7-31-2014. Please find attached an application from Bill Carlson, Negaunee, for reappointment.

A motion would be in order to appointment Bob Struck to the Marquette County Planning Commission for the unexpired term ending 12-31-2012; Ken Kaiser as the Planning Commission Member to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and Bill Carlson to the 3-year term ending 7-31-2014 to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

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Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Corkin moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend the County Board appoint Bob Struck to the Marquette County Planning Commission for the unexpired term ending 12-31-2012; Ken Kaiser as the Planning Commission Member to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; and Bill Carlson to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the 3-year term ending 7-31-2014. Second by Commissioner Heikkila. Motion adopted. (Commissioner Quayle voted Nay).

e. Budget Schedule.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Pellow moved to change the budget schedule as follows: Budget Sessions to begin at 4:00 p.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. on September 21, 22, 2011, and 4:00 p.m. on September 23, 2011, if necessary. Second by Commissioner Quayle. Motion adopted.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

8. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Chairperson Bergdahl and Commissioner Corkin thanked the friends and family of Earl Yelle and John Olson for attending the meeting..
- Commissioner Quayle also thanked the family and friends of Earl Yelle and John Olson. He also thanked Commissioner Pellow for bringing this to the Board's attention.

9. CLOSED SESSION:

a. Pursuant to MCL 15.268 to Discuss Collective Bargaining.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268 to discuss Collective Bargaining. Second by Commissioner Pellow. A roll call vote was recorded: Ayes: Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen and Chairperson Bergdahl. Nays: None. Motion adopted 6 Ayes to 0 Nays.

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

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into Open Session.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Pellow moved that the Committee of the Whole recommend the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Central Dispatch be extended until December 31, 2012. Second by Commissioner Nordeen. Motion adopted.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Nordeen moved that the Committee of the Whole take final action at this meeting to extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Central Dispatch until December 31, 2012. Second by Commissioner Pellow. Motion adopted.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Pellow moved that Committee of the Whole take final action and extend the Collective Bargaining Agreement for Central Dispatch until December 31, 2012. Second by Commissioner Corkin. Motion adopted.

b. Attorney Client Material MCL 15.268(h) – State Lease.

Committee of the Whole Action: Commissioner Corkin moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268 to discuss State Lease. Second by Commissioner Pellow. A roll call vote was recorded: Ayes: Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen and Chairperson Bergdahl. Nays: None. Motion adopted 6 Ayes to 0 Nays.

Chairperson Bergdahl declared a recess to clear Commission Chambers.

CLOSED SESSION

The County Board came back into Open Session.

No Action was taken as a result of the Closed Session.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the Committee of the Whole, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:55 p.m.



Linda K. Talsma
Deputy County Clerk

Charles Bergdahl, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners

Minutes Proposed for Approval on September 27, 2011.