

MINUTES OF THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY, APRIL 11, 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 Cihak, Commissioner Quayle, Commissioner Heikkila, Commissioner Corkin, Commissioner Joseph, Commissioner Pellow, Commissioner Nordeen and Chairperson Bergdahl. Absent: Commissioner Arsenault.
- Also present: West Branch Township Board: Jack Heidtman, Supervisor; Michelle Christal, Clerk; Laurie Karpinen, Treasurer; Paul Wilson, Trustee; and Jack Frost, Trustee.

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

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

- James Gallant, Skandia, spoke regarding the Rules of Order, and the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.
- Lisa Johnson, Skandia, requested to be included in 10a) Discussion with West Branch Township regarding Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.
- Chairperson Bergdahl denied request by Lisa Johnson as it was an informational meeting between Marquette County Board of Commissioners and West Branch Township.

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

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS. None.**7. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.****8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT. None.**

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS. None.

10. ACTION ITEMS.

a. Discussion with West Branch Township Board Regarding Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.

The County Board engaged in discussion with the West Branch Township Board regarding the possible purchase or lease of the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.

Commissioners questioned West Branch Township on their current financial obligations concerning the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.

The County Board invited Jane Nordeen, Forsyth Township Treasurer, to participate in the discussion. Ms. Nordeen announced that Forsyth Township is waiting for the outcome of the County Board decision before the Forsyth Township Board proceeds.

After Discussion and Debate no Action was taken by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for public comment.

- Lisa Johnson, Skandia, updated the Board on a possible membership count for the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center and how the Center affects three different Townships.
- Dale Trombley, Sawyer, spoke regarding the problems associated with an auction for the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center, and how the Sawyer Community is behind the re-opening of the Sawyer facility. He also mentioned that the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center is currently ranked number 18 in the Readers Digest Cheer for America Campaign.
- James Gallant, Skandia, spoke regarding the rules of order, and suggested loan ideas for the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.

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

13. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- Commissioner Heikkila congratulated West Branch Township for their efforts thus far dealing with the issues associated with the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.
- Commissioner Pellow thanked the West Branch Township Board for participating in this Special Meeting. She also thanked Lisa Johnson for all her work on the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.
- Commissioner Bergdahl announced that the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center will be on the April 19, 2011 regular meeting agenda.
- Commissioner Quayle suggested West Branch Township hold a Special Meeting to discuss option(s) to present to the County Board.

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- Commissioner Corkin thanked West Branch Township for staying current on the debts regarding the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.
- Chairperson Bergdahl also thanked West Branch Township for participating in this Special Meeting and for keeping current with their payments on the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.

Chairperson Bergdahl opened the meeting for comments from the West Branch Township Board.

- Jack Frost, West Branch Township Trustee, thanked the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for including them in the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center discussion.
- Jack Heidtman, West Branch Township Supervisor, explained that he was on the West Branch Township Board when the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center was purchased. Mr. Heidtman also commended the West Branch Township Board for all their hard work over the years.
- Paul Wilson, West Branch Township Trustee, feels that both Boards have a moral obligation to the community regarding the Sawyer Fitness/Community Center.

There being no further comments from West Branch Township, Chairperson Bergdahl closed this portion of the meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, 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 May 3, 2011.