1. **CALL TO ORDER – SALUTE TO THE FLAG – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
   - Call to Order by Chairperson Gerald O. Corkin at 6:00 p.m. – Room 231 Henry A. Skewis Annex, Marquette.
   - Salute to the Flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
   **Board Action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on April 18, 2017. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted.

3. **PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**
   a. **Retirement Resolution for Dave Lemire – Read by Comm. Adamini**
      WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and
      WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and
      WHEREAS, Dave Lemire began his career with the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department as an On-Call, Part-Time Deputy Sheriff in the Marine Division on June 4, 1992, becoming a Full-Time Deputy Sheriff-Boat Patrol on September 15, 1992. During his service as a Deputy he also was a member of the UPSET team and Sheriff’s Office Dive Team. On April 19, 1999, he was promoted to the position of Lieutenant, then Captain of Law Enforcement Services on January 1, 2001, also supervising Special Operations and Rescue 131; and
      WHEREAS, as representative of the Sheriff’s Department, Captain Lemire has attended numerous trainings increasing his operational, interrogation and investigative expertise, receiving certifications which enhanced his knowledge and leadership skills. He has received many accolades over the years for his professionalism, efficiency and compassion in handling high level stress situations. In recognition of his exemplary service, Dave has recently been named Police Officer of the Year for 2016 by Marquette County Law Enforcement Administrator’s Association; and
      THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Captain Lemire’s long and successful career is not inclusive to the Sheriff’s Office, he has been involved with leading and educating law enforcement officers as an instructor at the NMU Regional Police Academy for 15 years, being recognized as “Outstanding Instructor” in 2002 and 2010. Dave has also participated on Drunk Driving Impact Panels and Drug Education Panels to educate citizens and students.
      BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board, thanks Dave for over 24 years as an outstanding Deputy and maintaining that high level standard as a Bench Mark for all who follow. On behalf of all County Citizens, the County Board wishes Dave and his wife Wendy a long, healthy and happy retirement.
      *Dave was present to accept the resolution and thanked the Commissioners.
      *Chairperson Corkin stated that Dave was one of the top employees we have had in Marquette County for a long period of time. Handled himself with class and character. Thanked him for his service

   b. **Retirement Resolution for Steven Holman – Read by Comm. Nordeen**
      WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and
      WHEREAS, quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest caliber; and
      WHEREAS, Steve Holman began his career with the Marquette County Sheriff’s Department as a Part-Time Deputy Sheriff in the County Jail on March 20, 1989. He became a Full-Time Deputy Sheriff-Corrections on January 19, 1992. September 7, 1997, he was promoted to the position of Corporal, February 20, 2000, to Sergeant and finally to Lieutenant on April 28, 2013; and
      WHEREAS, as a 28 year employee of the Sheriff’s Department, Steve has attended trainings throughout the country to enhance his professional training capabilities by increasing his knowledge and certifications. Throughout his years of service to the community, he has influenced a multitude of young law enforcement candidates presenting at MSHS “Career Day” along with years of teaching at the Corrections Academy at Northern Michigan University.
      THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Marquette thanks Lieutenant Holman for being an asset to the Sheriff’s Office. He has received many accolades over the years for his training expertise and efficiency in performing day-to-day duties within the Jail as well as his off-duty dedication to uphold the law. He is a fine representation of the law enforcement community.
      BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Board, thanks Steve for his true professionalism and is extremely proud to have people of his caliber representing the county throughout the Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan. On behalf of all County Citizens, the County Board wishes Steve and his wife Bobbie Jo a long, healthy and happy retirement.
4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

**Board Action:** Comm. DePetro moved to approve the agenda with the following addition: 11a) TelKite Raw Land Agreement Modification. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment.
   - Greg Zyburst, Marquette County Sheriff, explained the events that lead to the death of a 19 year old Republic man on Friday, April 28th while camping in the Rocking Chair Lakes area with friends. Sheriff Zyburst thanked Deputies, Marquette County Search and Rescue, Marquette Search/Rescue Unit 131, Valley Med Helicopter, UPHS, Bell Memorial and Comm. Derocha and his friends whom where 4-wheeling in the area. Sheriff Zyburst expressed how he was proud of all involved and how they all went above and beyond the call of duty.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

   **Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to approve the total expenditures for the period April 21, 2017 through April 27, 2017 was $308,040.05; and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending April 22, 2017 was $787,984.87. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

7. PUBLIC HEARING: None

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT: None

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:
   a. MCSWMA-Annual Report (Available in the Administrators Office)
   b. Michigan Public Service Commission – Notice of Hearing
   c. DEQ-Application Report
   d. MCSWMA-Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation

   **Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to accept informational items a through d for filing. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

10. ACTION ITEMS:
   a. Appointment to Jury Board

   The term of Carolyn McDonald from the Marquette County Jury Board will expire on April 30, 2017. This appointment is made by the County Board on recommendation of the Circuit Judge.

   Carolyn has been a Chairperson on the Jury Board for many years and currently holds this position. The Jury Board shall select from a list that combines the driver’s license list and the personal identification cardholder list the names of persons to serve as jurors for the Marquette County Court System (Circuit Court, District Court, Probate Court). As Chairperson her organizational duties are immense, she is not only qualified to productively run the board, but address a multitude of issues as they occur. As County Clerk to the Jury Board I ask the County Board to appoint Carolyn McDonald to another six year term.

   A motion would be in order to reappoint Carolyn McDonald to the Marquette County Jury Board for a six year term ending 4/30/2023.

   **Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to reappoint Carolyn McDonald to the Marquette County Jury Board. Second by Adamini. Motion adopted.

   b. FY 2018 Grant Application Summary

   Amy Peters, Community Corrections Coordinator, explained to the Board that Marquette County Community Corrections is asking for a total of $76,221.00 for FY 2018 through grant applications. The programs this will fund are: Thinking Matters, the Me Group (substance abuse program) and MRT (Moral Reconciliation Therapy). We also requested for an additional $1606.00 to fund the Drunk Driver Jail Reduction Program. Benny Mercier will continue to facilitate our Thinking Matters program. Great Lakes Recovery will again provide the service for the
ME Groups. I will be providing Moral Reconation Therapy at the Main Jail and Detention Center. All three programs will be offered at both facilities.

As for the Administration portion of the grant, we are asking for the same amount that we were awarded last year which was $23,813.00.

The goal of Community Correction is to reduce recidivism and target the felony population. This will again be our goal, along with maintaining our historically low prison commitment rate.

Below, is a breakdown of the funding:

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**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to apply for the grants. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted.

c. Civil Counsel Response RE: Director of Court Operations

*Comm. Nordeen* prepared a statement and read the following into the record:

I am abstaining from issues involving the courts forever more. I will explain why in a moment. First I am going to summarize this recent issue.

Some of the Commissioners understood we created a position last year, with an approximate wage. When Commissioner Derocha discovered the actual wages paid to the position for 2016 were significantly higher than what we were told, he brought it to our attention. And rightfully so. It is our duty to make decisions based on accurate information. We decide reasonable staffing and reasonable wages.

The courts do have some inherent authority in deciding the detail of their budget. The County board could merely set the overall yearly amount for the courts and the courts themselves could decide the wages of its people within that overall budget. They can negotiate with the Unions, decide how to pay their retirement obligations, and so on and so forth. But if the courts want the County administrative staff to decide those details, then they have to allow the County Board to do its due diligence. This is the statutory checks and balances established by the State of Michigan. We are all elected officials whose authority is derived from the State of Michigan and its statutory scheme. No elected official is more important or more powerful than another. We are all part of the same system, with our particular duties and responsibilities.

The second part of this issue had to do with reasonable staffing. Commission Adamini brought to our attention a study published by the Supreme Court Accounting Office. Some suggest we should disregard or discredit that study. As an attorney I am reluctant to disregard anything published by the office of the Michigan Supreme Court. But maybe others feel differently. This issue of reasonable staffing and reasonable wages are not personal or all that political. We are charged with being fair and reasonable in creating all of the positions in the County. We go to great lengths to treat every department and every employee the same. No one should get special privilege.

The particular person in the subject position is irrelevant to the issue. That person’s name or abilities or anything of the sort was never mentioned during any of our discussions. It did not become personal or political until people came here and spoke in public comment on that person’s behalf.

I never thought of the courts as being political, but this has now been turned into a huge political issue by some people.
As an attorney I appear before these courts. The citizens I represent deserve to be treated fairly and evenhandedly. I have the utmost respect for the integrity of our courts and our judges. I am quite sure the courts would treat my clients the same as any other citizen coming before them and decide the issue on the merits and not on who happens to be their counsel. But, there is a very remote possibility of bias. If I were making decisions concerning the courts’ staffing or budget, there is a possibility the courts may lean my way on an issue to garner support for their budget, or conversely they could punish my clients with their wrath should they not like a decision I made. Again, I am quite sure the court staff and judges we have would always treat every citizen the same, regardless of who their attorney happens to be. But to make absolutely sure, I am abstaining forever more on any decisions regarding the courts staffing or funding. Maintaining the absolute integrity of the courts is much more important than my participation in these types of decisions. I hope you all understand. Thank you.

*Chairperson Corkin advised that the County Administrator and himself were meeting with Judges to try to come to common ground on the issue. An update will be given to the Board at some time in the future.

*Comm. Derocha asked the Board to not lose sight of the issue. He thanked Mr. Pence for the well written legal review guiding the board on what they can and can’t do. Comm. Derocha stated everyone knows what the issue is and he thanked Chairperson Corkin for his effort in reaching a common ground. He expressed that it is a simple solution and that the position needs to be paid as it was posted. With that being said and after reviewing Mr. Pence’s legal opinion – he decided to withdraw his motion to eliminate the Director of Court Operations position. He promised the tax payers of Marquette County with the fortitude of this Board, this issue will be addressed in the October Budget and a haircut will be coming.


**Board action:** Comm. Alholm made a motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee to review certain things such as, on-call pay, public office hours and future jobs. This Committee would assist in eliminating issues in the future. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted

*Comm. DePeters thanked civil council for answering many questions throughout the past few weeks on this issue. He stated that many lessons were learned throughout this process by all.

*Comm. Adamini stated that he feels no ill will or bad motives were intended by anyone involved. He encouraged everyone in the future to be more precise in language when creating and setting the pay for a new position.

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

a. Telkite Raw Land Agreement Modification

Scott Erbish, Marquette County Administrator, updated the board that Telkite was given a notice of default with respect to the payments on the raw land. Outstanding amount in default is just over $37,000. If this amount is not paid by May 15, 2017 then Telkite is in default which triggers cancellation of certain aspects of the agreement. Telkit is asking for the following: to tie the $37,000 payment to additional draw down of lands which is currently in place. The title work is underway but it is very possible it will not be done by the May 15th deadline. Telkite is requesting an extension on the default so they can do the drawdown of parcels and payment at the same time. The history of Telkit payments was discussed with commissioners.

Vikki Kulju, representative of Telkite was present and spoke on the payment history and what Telkite is wishing for the future.


12. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.
13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:
   - Chairperson Corkin reminded the Board of the UP Commissioner meeting coming up in a few weeks.
   - Comm. DePetro reminded motorists of the five roundabouts that construction is beginning on in the City of Marquette. Contractors are requesting motorists patience.
   - Comm. DePetro congratulated all 2017 Northern Michigan University students graduating this coming weekend.
   - Comm. Nordeen pointed out how many good employees the county has lost this year to retirement because of contract changes. He emphasized that the county has lost a lot of very good employees.
   - Chairperson Corkin asked for volunteers to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee. Comm. Alholm, Comm. Derocha and Comm. Adamini expressed their interest to serve on this committee. They will meet and report back to the board.
   - Comm. Derocha pointed out that Sheriff Department Staff did an outstanding job in adverse conditions they were dealt with on Friday, April 28th. He also, expressed his sympathy to the Antilla family in Republic for their loss.

14. ADJOURMENT. There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Cheryl J. Hubbard
Chief Deputy County Clerk

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners