
**REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM
231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855**

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
Salute to the Flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Present: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin
- Zoom/Video: Comm. Derocha

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board Action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 21, 2020. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Board Action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment

- **Liana Pepin, 4H Educator** – update the Board regarding 4H during the quarantine. Moving the 4H program to a virtual setting. What has been popular is the virtual showcase, which is for all youths from age of 5 to 19 from across the Upper Peninsula. Registration for the showcase is going on currently till August 12, 2020. Judging will occur from August 13th-16th which is by 4H volunteers, local experts and MSU extension staff. There are many different categories that would typically not been able to offer because of the nature of a typical County Fair. An example would be fashion review, where people will model the clothes that they have sewn. Another would be American Sign Language, where young people record themselves signing words and sentences in ASL. Have also participated in 4H camp challenge. The ASL club which consisted of 8 classes, 90 minutes each for ages 9 and up. Had 26 youth registered from across the Upper Peninsula and 13 were from Marquette County. Had at least 16 youth attend almost every meeting.
- **Michelle & Prea Lawry, Negaunee, Prea**, an 11 year old and attends Negaunee Middle School, wanted to say thank you for the 4H ASL club. The club allowed her to better communicate with a child in her class that is hearing impaired.
- **Margaret Brumm, 404 East Magnetic, Marquette**, concerns regarding informational item County Wide Transition. Wants board to ensure recycling is done accurately.
- **Greg Zyburt, Sheriff**, updated the board with the following:
 - **Road Patrol:** 276 calls for service; 108 citations written; 34 arrests; 9 OUIL or OUID; 12 drug arrests 9 of which were for meth; 1 CSC; 1 assault; 1 B&E; Policed 37 accidents (1 fatal accident in Humboldt Twp.); Took in 187 civil papers, served 159.
 - **Search and Rescue:** Training-Search Patterns/Side Imaging/ Underwater propulsion device familiarization; Lost Hiker/call for assistance: Vessel Tow-Little Lake; Lake Superior-Little Presque swimmers in distress-Rescue 40; Lake Superior-Huron Island (4) boaters in distress; Lake Superior-Little Presque (3) swimmers in distress; Mutual Aid for Baraga County-Drowning; ORV PIA Humboldt Twp.; ORV PIA Turin Twp.-Fatal; ORV PIA Ishpeming Twp.; 2 Lost hikers Lilly Pond Area (Marquette Twp.); 1 lost hiker Hogback Area (Mqt. Twp.); 1 lost hiker 10 yr old female (Champion Twp.); 1 missing 7 yr old autistic male (Mqt City); 1 lost 74 yr old female (Negaunee Twp.)

- **Public safety classes, events & inspections:** Provide rescue/medical on Teal Lake for Diabetes swim;
- **Rescue 131: Training:** Rope Rescue/maintenance; Confined Space vertical/horizontal; Calls for Assistance: City of Ishpeming-Structure Fire; Mqt. Twp.-Water Rescue (2 calls); Mqt. Twp.-Mercury Spill; Richmond Twp.-Personal Injury Accident (2 calls); Negaunee City-Personal Injury Accident; Negaunee City-Structure Fire; Chocolay Twp.-Structure Fire; Ely Twp.-Personal Injury Accident; Michigamme Twp.-Personal Injury Accident; Public safety classes, events and inspections: Medical Control Meeting.
- **Jail:** July-Average daily population 64; Booked-77 males & 43 females; Released-77 males & 38 females; Average 13 Federal Inmates per day.
- **Kathleen Mudge, Marquette,** information was distributed to the County Commissioners, a concerned citizen regarding appropriate signage and boundaries at Sugarloaf Mountain.

No further public comment, Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to Total Expenditures for the Period July 17, 2020 through July 30, 2020 was \$343,586.78; (this amount does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric); and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the Period ending July 25, 2020 was \$664,324.10. Second by Comm. Nordeen. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to approve check #200456, dated July 10, 2020 in the amount of \$1,093.17 payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. Nordeen. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha and Chairperson Corkin. Abstained ~ Comm. Alholm. Nays ~ None. Motion adopted. (5-0)

7. PUBLIC HEARING:

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a. County Wide Transition: Residential Dual to Single Stream Recycling

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to accept informational item (a) for filing. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Marquette County Flying Club Hangar Reduction Request & Extension

Megan Murray, Airport Manager, The Marquette County Flying Club (MCFC) has continued to prove they are a highly valuable asset for both the airport and surrounding community. The club provides training assistance to youth in the community and fully supports the Aviation Club at Marquette Senior High School. The club maintains three aircraft for use with over 40 members/pilots ranging from 15 to 70 years old and provide flight training to individuals in our community and abroad.

The MCFC President, Mr. Greg Durand is requesting a reduced hangar rate for their newest leased hangar (making a total of four hangars for the Flying Club). Mr. Durand brought this request to the Airport Advisory Board at their monthly meeting and it was approved to be presented to County Board on July 9th, 2020. This review is scheduled annually in April, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the review took place in July 2020. The MCFC currently has rent reductions for their three other hangars (\$75 total/month). With the addition of a reduction for their fourth hangar, the requested total rent reductions for the MCFC is \$100. The Airport Advisory Board approved and supports these requests for rent reductions for the MCFC.

Mr. Durand is requesting a \$25 annual reduction extension in the monthly hangar lease rate for each of the three t-hangars they lease. In addition, Mr. Durand is requesting an additional \$25 reduction for their fourth hangar. The Advisory Committee supports these requests with the caveat that any reduction would be reviewed on an annual basis when the Committee reviews all of the fees and charges every April.

Current T-hanger monthly fee for 4 units:	\$380
Monthly T-hanger fee for 4 units with reduction:	\$355
Reduction requested (\$25/mo x 4 units):	\$100
Annual revenue reduction under the current request:	\$1200

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve a \$100 monthly rent reduction for the Marquette County Flying Club and on an annual basis the fee reduction, would be reviewed by the Airport Advisory Committee during the April Fee and Charges review meeting. Second by Comm. Adamini. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

b. Contract Approval for Airfield Pavement Marking & Crack Sealing Project-Scodeller Construction
Megan Murray, Airport Manager, Sawyer International Airport staff is requesting Marquette County Board approval to enter into an agreement with Scodeller Construction, Inc for the construction portion of the Airfield Pavement Markings and Crack Sealing project. Sawyer International Airport was approved for this grant on July 13th, 2020. Bids were received for this project through assistance with the Project Engineer, Mead and Hunt, and are detailed in the list below.

Contractor	Bid Amount
Scodeller Construction, Inc.	\$255,677.62
JJ Cunningham, LLC	\$263,537.10
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC	\$263,823.62
Axtell's Inc.	\$323,023.20

The Marking and Crack Sealing project will improve the strength of the airfield pavement and the safety of those operating on the field. These continued improvements will provide Sawyer International Airport the ability to continue its growth in the community.

Project cost: \$255, 677.62

The project is fully funded by the CY 2020 AIP grant. Due to the CARES Act, all federally funded projects require a 0% state or local share.

The anticipated start time for this project is expected for August 2020.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the contract for the Airfield Pavement Markings and Crack Sealing project with Scodeller Construction, INC. amount not to exceed \$255,677.62 financed by AIP grant funding. (Project#:3-26-0153-045-2020) Second by Comm. Depetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

c. Able Medical Lease Extension Recommendation

Scott Erbish, Administrator, Staff is requesting the Marquette County Board of Commissioners consider approving a new two (2) year lease agreement between J.M. Longyear Manufacturing, LLC. (dba Able Medical Devices) and Marquette County for Parcel AL31, Parcel AL31A, and Building 627. Starting in August 2010 until December 2017, Frontier Medical leased 10,000 sf of space in Building 627 for manufacturing of medical devices. The original lease ended on July 31, 2015, and reverted to a month to month agreement. On January 2018, J.M. Longyear assumed the month to month rental agreement from Frontier Medical and continued operating the medical device manufacturing. Over the past 10 years both tenants provided several improvements to include substantial renovations to a section of the roof, electrical

upgrades to include LED lighting, and several other improvements.

Staff, working closely with J.M. Longyear management, negotiated a new two year lease that will encompass the previously occupied 10,000 sf and also include the remainder of the building space for a total of 30,000 sf. Their current lease rate is \$4.58 per sf (\$3,817 per month/\$45,800 annually). The new proposed rate per sf was offered at \$2.15 per sf (\$5,375 per month/ \$64,500 annually). The square foot rate for the entire building was adjusted to encourage Able Medical to lease the entire footprint allowing them to expand their operation as per their earlier requests. Also in prior years, the additional 20,000 sf has not experienced any significant tenant to generate any measurable revenue.

During the Base closure and heat conversion, the building had a centralized boiler installed providing heat to the entire building. This system was designed in such a way that the entire build required heat to avoid water or plumbing damage and the burden for that expense was provided by Able Medical Devices and Frontier Medical. Over the past couple years, Able Medical Devices spent significant money providing repairs to the boiler as it reached end of life. The increase in revenue for the facility will offset a significant amount of the boiler replacement cost that we will need to replace prior to winter.

Please review the proposed agreement details below:

- Tenant: J.M. Longyear Manufacturing, LLC
- Premises: Building 627, referred to as Parcel AL-31, total of 30,000 sf.
- Term: The lease will commence on August 1, 2020, and expire on July 31, 2022, unless otherwise extended pursuant to the terms of the Lease.
- Termination Option: Tenant shall have the option to terminate the lease at the end of 18 months by providing a six (6) month prior written notice of the desire to terminate. If the Tenant does not terminate the lease, then the rent shall increase as indicated in the Rental Rate paragraph.
- Rental Rate: \$2.15 per sf. with a 1.5% annual escalator, for a rent revenue of \$64,500 per year.
- Improvements: The Premises is being leased as-is, where-is. Should the Tenant wish to make improvements to the Premises, the tenant may discuss those improvements with the Landlord. If improvements are agreeable with the Landlord, then the Landlord may approve reimbursement to the Tenant for all or a portion of those expenditures related to those improvements in the form of a monthly rent abatement.

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to approve the two (2) year lease to include potential building improvements moving forward and upon the development of the written lease, authorize the County Board Chairperson to sign the Lease Agreement. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

d. Appointment to Marquette County Transit Authority Board

This is an eleven-member body responsible for governing the County-wide transportation system through its Director. Four of its members are nominated by the Township Association, and the rest are nominated by their respective City Councils with four from Marquette, two from Ishpeming, and one from Negaunee. There must be two nominees per vacancy from which the County Board appoints members to a 3-year term.

One Vacancy – Expiring 12-31-2021

1-Marquette City Representative

***This vacancy has been vacant for some time.

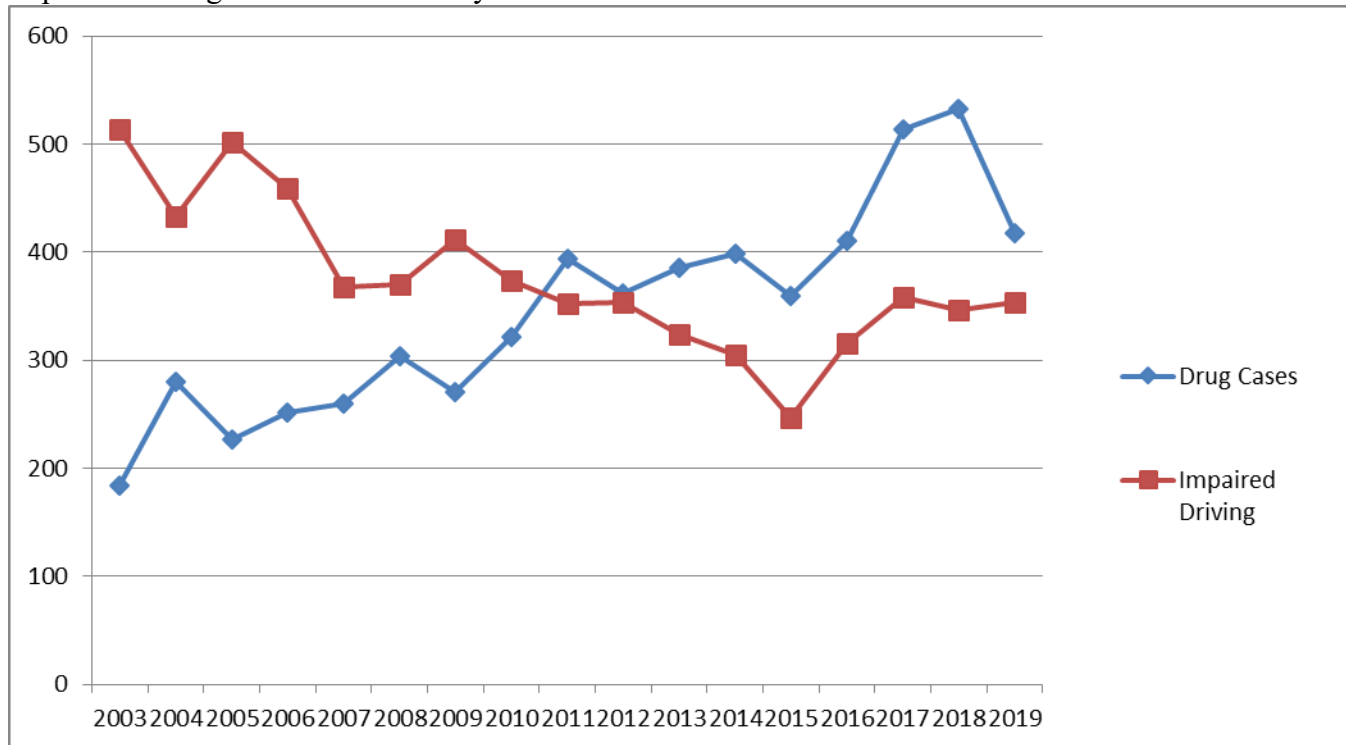
A motion would be in order to appoint Taylor Klipp as the Marquette City Representative on the Marq-Tran Board for a term expiring 12-31-2021.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to appoint Taylor Klipp as the Marquette City Representative on the Marq Tran Board for a term expiring 12-31-2021. Second by Comm. Derocha. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

e. Northcare 2021 County Liquor Tax Funding Application

Marquette County has received Liquor Tax Funds to support specialty court programs since 2006. The purpose of these programs is to provide critical interventions to address the underlying issue of addiction that often drives criminality. Currently there are three fully operational specialty courts in Marquette; Sobriety Court, Adult Drug Court and Juvenile Treatment Court. NorthCare funds have allowed the court to provide case management, substance screening and other support services for our specialty court operations. Without these funds our programs would be unable to continue operations. This would greatly limit the ability of our courts to effectively address the problem of addiction in our defendant population.

The graph below provides a visual representation of just how entrenched the problem of drug abuse and impaired driving is in our community.



You can clearly see that drug offenses have steadily increased since 2003 and have persisted at historic highs despite having a decrease in filings last year. The impaired driving figures continued a steady upward trajectory. The uptick in impaired driving cases is likely attributable to an increase in drugged driving not just alcohol impaired driving.

Our specialty courts were designed specifically to confront the substance abuse epidemic in Marquette County. Since becoming fully operational the programs have admitted a total of 529 participants; a total of 250 have successfully graduated. Recidivism rates as calculated by the State Court Administrative Office demonstrates that these programs work. For example, defendants who graduate from our Sobriety court are substantially less likely to be convicted for another drug or alcohol offense. The recidivism rate for the Marquette County Sobriety court is 4%. Compare that to the rate for the comparison group which is 21%. In essence, a defendant who completes the Sobriety Court is 80% less likely to reoffend than someone who does not.

We cannot continue to important work of these programs without the financial support of NorthCare. Marquette County is requesting Liquor Tax Funds to accomplish the following:

1. Maintain case management services for both Sobriety Court and the Drug Court.
Effective case management is integral to a successful program. Currently we have 1.50 FTE case managers. These case managers would serve both the Drug Court and the Sobriety Court. The court

has secured state level grant funding to support one of the positions at full time. We are therefore requesting Northcare Funds for the other .5 FTE position.

Total request for case management: \$25,000

2. Maintain the current level of intensive substance screening to include all specialty court participants and those being monitored by pretrial services.

A strong and reliable base of substance abstinence is crucial to fostering lasting recovery for program participants. Regular and random screening is absolutely essential. Sobriety Court participants are required to submit to daily pbts for a minimum of 90 days. They are also urine screened approximately 2-3 times per month. Because drug of choice differs (generally speaking) Drug Court participants submit to pbts less frequently (approximately 2-3 times per week) but are urine screened much more frequently (minimum of 3 times per week). The District Court probation department conducts the vast majority of the pbts for specialty court operations (at no cost to the participant who is often indigent). Because the court does not have adequate staffing to conduct urine screens we contract with Great Lakes Recovery for this service at a cost of \$2,335 per month

Total Request for Drug Screening Services: \$28,020

Each 13-panel drug screen kit costs approximately \$5. It is estimated that approximately 2000 kits will be used over the course of a year to adequately screen all participants of the Sobriety and Drug Courts. The court also utilizes saliva kits to provide more comprehensive testing. These tests are much more expensive (\$28 per test) but more difficult to adulterate. The cost of the urine and saliva kits would be \$15,000. We are also requesting a \$2,000 for Soberlink monitoring services. These devices allow 24/7 monitoring of alcohol use and are extremely useful for participants who live in outlying areas of our very large county. They have also become a necessary tool during the pandemic. Breath tests are a high exposure task. Use of in-home Soberlink devices eliminates this risk to both the participant & court staff.

Total Request for Drug Testing Supplies: \$17,000

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to support the application for Northcare Network for the amount not to exceed \$70,020 from Liquor Tax Fund for FY21. Second by Comm. Nordeen. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

f. FY2019-2022 Operation Stonegarden Grant Agreement

Teresa Schwalbach, Emergency Management Coordinator, Attached are two sets of original grant agreements of the September 1, 2019 through July 31, 2022 Operation Stonegarden Grant and necessary attachments for administrative and legal review. The amount of the grand award is \$156,000.00. These funds are used to support enhanced cooperation and coordination among local, tribal, territorial, state and federal law enforcement agencies in a joint commission to secure the borders along routes of ingress from international borders.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the FY2019-2022 Operation Stonegarden Grant. Second by Comm. Derocha. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

g. Mid-Year FY2020 Budget Amendments

At this time, staff continues to monitor how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect the County's budget. We are hopeful that some of the grants we have applied for will offset the increases we have experienced in some expenses as well as the reduction in revenues that have occurred. It is too early to fully understand the

impacts and as such, this budget amendment does not include any adjustments related to the pandemic. Similarly, we continue to monitor the Airport budget and work through the details of the CARES Act funding for airports.

The following five budget amendments are presented for your consideration.

#7- General Fund

This amendment includes several adjustments to the General Fund budget to account for the following:

- Census grant
- Weighmaster contract between Sheriff and Road Commission
- Grants received for Master Plan/Covid communication work by Planning.
- 2% gaming revenue received and disbursed.

The budget remains balanced with the budgeted contingency amount of \$150,000 unchanged.

#8-Community Corrections

This amendment provides for an approved shift in funding from the Cognitive Change program to the Pre-Trial Services program.

#9-Central Dispatch

This amendment provides for the expense associated with replacement of computer monitors for dispatch workstations (approved by the board in June)

#10-Rescue Safety

This amendment provides for expenses associated with the new pole building.

#11-Aging Services

This amendment provides for 2% gaming revenues received.

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to approve budget amendments. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

11. LATE ADDITIONS

12. PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairperson Corkin opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Chairperson Corkin** stated there will be updates to Board on Budget Issues in the next couple of months regarding issues for tax foreclosures in the Treasurer's Office. Specific Tax with the Empire Mine. The State Budget for next year 3 billion dollar hole in it and is something we should be aware of.
- **Comm. Nordeen** commented that hopefully the federal government will address local units of government. Regards to the Empire Mine, inquired where we are with Ad Valorem.
- **Scott Erbisch, Administrator** commented that still working on finalizing work with the equalization office and Jack. It's a work in progress can coordinate with Jack to update the board.
- **Chairperson Corkin**, Need to keep track of Ad Valorem and move to top of list to keep track of. Managing best we can in unknown circumstances. Anne Giroux has done some good applications on behalf of the County in regards to COVID funding. Thank her for her assistance and the work she has done over the last few months!
- **Comm. DePetro**, Teresa Schwalbach, Emergency Management Coordinator, was accurate regarding the need of the 800 megahertz radios needing upgrading to help with communication of first responders. Received news that John Carlson, Mine Inspector passed away. He was always very compassionate about his job and loved doing what he was doing. Sympathy to John Carlson.
- **Chairperson Corkin**, Update on Sugarloaf in regards to the new parking lot. A neighbor is concerned about lights are going to go into his yard and home. Comm. Derocha, Comm. Depetro and

himself went and reviewed the situation. Possibility of a small berm and some vegetation would fit into the park would be a very suitable way to handle it or could have a fence. However the board wants to decide.

- **Scott Erbisch, Administrator**, there will be some cost estimates regarding Sugarloaf that will be brought back to the board.
- **Comm. Adamini**, If the options are a small berm with vegetation or a fence. Initially the berm and vegetation may be a little more expensive but fence will require constant maintenance where a small berm and vegetation might not. In the long run the berm and vegetation may be most cost effective.

14. CLOSED SESSION

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

Tonya Nelson
Chief Deputy

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners