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**REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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, Marquette. Salute to the Flag followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- Present: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm, and Chairperson Corkin
- Absent: Comm. Nordeen

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**Board Action:** Comm. DePetro moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2020. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted. (5-0)

**3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Board Action:** Comm. Derocha moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 11a) Marquette County Community Foundation Partnership. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted. (5-0)

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

- **Margaret Brumm, Marquette**, introduced herself to the board. Informed board about a presentation that she created and is available online on You Tube regarding Cliffs Dell property, which is on the edge of Lake Superior. Also have a goal to have a Marquette County Inventors Celebration at the Peter White Public Library and will be scheduled for sometime early/mid summer. Once date is determined will be writing to Commissioners and City asking for a proclamation endorsing that Marquette County is an Inventors Paradise.

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

**6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to approve the total Expenditures for the period January 13, 2020 through February 13, 2020 were \$834,858.92 (This amount does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric); and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending February 8, 2020 was \$671,958.34. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (5-0)

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to approve check #197857, dated 2/14/2020, \$140.46 ~ Payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. Derocha. Motion adopted (4-0) Abstained: Comm. Alholm

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

**8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- a. **Correspondence from Governor Gretchen Whitmer (handwritten note by Governor Whitmer)**
- b. **SEMCO Energy – Notice of Hearing**
- c. **United States Coast Guard – State Historic Preservation Section 106**
- d. **Correspondence from Sara Cambensy**
- e. **Annual Report on Land Bank & Brownfield**
  - **Anne Giroux, Finance Manger**, was present and distributed to the Board copies of the 2019 Annual Reports for the Marquette County Land Bank Authority and Marquette County Brownfield Authority.
    - **Land Bank Authority**
      - 2009-2019 there were 174 total parcels acquired, 102 Total Blighted Structures demolished, 51 Side Lot Transfers, 56 Sales to Private Ownership, 36 Parcels Currently in Inventory
      - Productivity through Partnership with Habitat for Humanity/Non-profit Agencies, Local Unites of

Government, State Land Bank Authority, Marquette County and Michigan State Housing Development Authority has included:

- Hematite Art Park-Vacant lot development project in partnership with Ishpeming Public Schools
  - Partridge Creek Farm-Vacant lot development project in partnership with Partridge Creek Farm
  - Ishpeming High School Career Tech Education Rehab Project-Sold in 2019 for \$90,000
  - Bligh Elimination-13 blighted structures demolished in 2019
  - Future Plans include:
    - Osprey Court Development-Multi-family residential project in the City of Marquette
    - Home Heating Initiative-funded with 2% funds (Keweenaw Bay Indian Community & Sault Tribe), a housing coalition collaborative project in partnership with Marquette County Habitat for Humanity and Community Action Alger Marquette
    - MSHDA MOD-Modular home construction in targeted areas throughout Marquette County
- **Brownfield Authority**
- Jasperlite Senior Housing project
    - In 2019, received \$205,000 Brownfield Redevelopment Grant from Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) to support the redevelopment of the former Bell Hospital site in Ishpeming into Jasperlite Senior Housing project, a 36-unit senior apartment building being constructed in 2020. Funds were requested for vapor mitigation system along with associated environmental work.
  - West Ishepeming School/Spring Street
    - Involved two separate demolition projects. Each involving demolition of blighted tax foreclosed structure, along with construction of one or more homes by Habitat for Humanity.
  - Teal Lake Senior Living Community
    - Plan included building of a 32,000 square foot, 40 bed assisted living facility on the site of the former Mather B mine.

*\*Chairperson Corkin commended Anne Giroux for her work; and accepted all reports given by the Treasurer for filing. Reports are available for review in the County Treasurer's Office upon request.*

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to accept informational items (a-e) for filing. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (5-0)

## **10. ACTION ITEMS:**

### **a. Treasurers Annual Report (No Packet Information)**

Removed and will be at a future meeting to report

### **b. 2019 Final Year End Budget Amendments**

**Anne Giroux, Finance Manager**, was present to explain the 2019 Budget Amendments, to view a full listing of the amendments; they are in the board packet as well as in the Clerk's Office.

*\*Chairperson Corkin commended Sue Vercoe for her good work with projecting the budget and the Board of Commissioners for maintaining the budget.*

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to accept the 2019 Budget Amendments as presented. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

### **c. Resolution Requesting Great Lakes Shoreline be Declared a Disaster Area & Seek Assistance** **RESOLUTION**

**REQUESTING THE GREAT LAKES SHORELINE BE DECLARED A DISASTER AREA AND TO SEEK ASSISTANCE**

WHEREAS, record high water levels in the Great Lakes have contributed to ongoing shoreline erosion across the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, Lake Superior water levels have caused severe damage to public infrastructure in the City of Marquette, and  
WHEREAS, Lake Superior water levels are forcing the relocation of Lakeshore Boulevard in the City of Marquette, which is costing in excess of \$7 million for the relocation of the road and compromised public infrastructure, and  
WHEREAS, Lake Superior water levels are causing detrimental environmental impacts at other various industrial legacy sites along the shoreline, and  
WHEREAS, the County of Marquette recognizes the effects of storms, high water, and wind driven wave action that is causing severe erosion to the shorelines, infrastructure, and private property along the Great Lakes, and  
WHEREAS, the conditions of the Great Lakes shorelines directly affect business and tourism in Marquette County and the State of Michigan by limiting access to beaches, boat landings, and parks along the shorelines, and loss and damaged property directly affects the local, county, and state tax base, and  
WHEREAS, Marquette County, as well as other shoreline communities in the State of Michigan are desperately in need of additional resources to combat shoreline erosion and protection of natural resources.  
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners requests that the Governor of the State of Michigan along with the State Legislature declare the Shoreline of the Great Lakes in the State of Michigan a disaster area, and that the Governor and State Legislature seek assistance from Congress and the President of the United States of America for this devastating situation which has an impact statewide.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Ed McBroom, Representative Beau LaFave, Representative Jack Bergman, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Representative Sara Cambensy, Senator Gary Peters, and all of the counties in the State of Michigan

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to adopt the Resolution Requesting the Great Lakes Shoreline Be Declared as a Disaster Area and To Seek Assistance. Second by Comm. Alholm. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

**d. Building Codes Vehicles Bid**

On February 5, 2020 at 2:00 PM proposals were opened for the purchase of a 4x4 pickup truck to replace a Code Inspector's vehicle. Bids were received from:

<b>Dealership Name</b>	<b>Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
LaFontaine CDJR of Lansing 6131 S. Pennsylvania Ave. Lansing, MI 48911	Ram 1500 Classic Quad 4x4	\$23,528
Jorgensen Ford Sales, Inc. 8333 Michigan Ave. Detroit, MI 48210	Ford F-150 XL Series	\$25,888
Watson Benzie Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram 1514 Benzie Hwy Benzonia, MI 49616	Ram 1500 Quad Cab 4x4	\$24,864
Marthaler Buick, GMC, Cadillac of Marquette 919 West Baraga Avenue Marquette, MI 49855	2020 GMC Sierra 1500 Double Cab 4x4	\$27,468.27

**Board action:** Comm. Derocha moved that LaFontaine be awarded the purchase order for a RAM 1500 Classis Quad 4x4 pickup truck for an amount not to exceed the amount of \$23,528.00. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (5-0)

**e. Hangar 665 Apron Reconstruction Professional Engineering**

**BACKGROUND:** Sawyer staff is looking for Marquette County Board approval to move forward with the Professional Services Agreement with Mead & Hunt on the Apron improvements. The replacement of the larger apron is necessary to support the ERJ 175 aircraft. Staff was successful with a submission of an MDARD grant through the State and was awarded \$100,000 to be applied to the cost of the project.

Project cost breakdown:

Engineering:	\$ 20,280
Construction Administration estimate:	\$ 29,911
<u>Construction Costs estimate:</u>	<u>\$271,917</u>
Total Cost:	\$322,108
<u>MDARD Grant</u>	<u>(\$100,000)</u>
Total End Cost:	\$222,108

Following the engineering phase, this project will be bid out for construction. Bids are estimated to take place in Spring 2020. These steps shall be phased in accordance with the rest of the hangar expansion project.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve the professional engineering agreement between Marquette County and Mead & Hunt, authorizing Board Chairman, Mr. Gerald Corkin to sign both of the agreements. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (5-0)

**f. Airport Snow Blower Repair**

**BACKGROUND:** Early in this winter season, one of the primary Oshkosh snow blowers developed an issue with engaging the auger portion of the unit. Staff was unsuccessful diagnosing the problem and requested assistance from the local Oshkosh dealer, Industrial Marketing. Industrial Marketing diagnosed a drop down gearbox, with potentially an input shaft, bearings, and possibly a clutch. The repair is beyond the capabilities of airport staff or the local Oshkosh dealer.

A request for quotes was solicited from area heavy equipment repair shops:

	<u>Total Cost</u>
➤ Crossroad Truck Repair	After complete review of repairs, declined job.
➤ Miller Bradford & Risberg, Inc.	\$19,740.69
➤ Road Machinery & Supplies Co.	\$24,840.18

In the estimates provided, the majority of the expense for the repair were in parts. All costs were estimated at a worst-case scenario. (See estimates in board packet)

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to accept the Miller Bradford & Risberg, Inc. estimate not to exceed \$19,740.69. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (5-0)

**g. Letter Opposing Senate Bill 431 (SB431)**

February 13, 2020  
Senator Ed McBroom  
PO Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Dear Senator,

On behalf of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, I would like to state that Marquette County opposes Senate Bill 431 (SB431) as written. Community planning and zoning is administered at the local level. We find this level of government is best suited to determine the needs and desires of our community. If passed, SB431 would remove a local government's zoning authority and oversight capability, preempting township regulations for sand and gravel mining operations, regardless of where it is located or the impact to nearby residents.

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Further concerns are the unavoidable risks to public health, safety and welfare. Akin to the Michigan Township Association, the County of Marquette believes local government must maintain its already limited authority regarding mining operations, and is best equipped to balance the needs of residents with the impact of mining operations.

For these reasons we urge you to help ensure SB431 does not become law.

Sincerely,  
Gerald O. Corkin  
Chair

Cc: Upper Peninsula MI Legislature Members  
MAC  
UPCAP  
Board of Marquette County Commissioners

**Board action:** Comm. Derocha moved to approve signing of letter and forwarding copy to all the Legislators and the Governor. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (5-0)

**h. Ishpeming Senior Center Construction Letter of Support**

February 12, 2020

Elyse Bertucci, Center Director

Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging  
Ishpeming Multi-Purpose Senior Center

P.O. Box 548

Ishpeming, MI 49849

RE: Ishpeming Senior Center Construction Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Bertucci,

On behalf of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, I would like to extend the County Board's support for the City of Ishpeming and the Greater Ishpeming Commission on Aging (GICOA) proposal for the construction of a new Ishpeming Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

The Marquette County Board strives to make sure that its senior residents receive services that enhance the quality of their life. The County provides funding to the GICOA for services and programs through the Marquette County Senior Millage. The County Board of Commissioners believes that the construction of new updated facility will not only create a safe environment to continue existing services, but allow the GICOA the ability to offer new programs and services.

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners strongly believe that a new Ishpeming Multi-Purpose Senior Center will be a tremendous asset to the West End of Marquette County. The new facility will ensure that seniors will be well served into the future.

Sincerely,

Gerald O. Corkin  
Chairman

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve signing of letter and send to Great Ishpeming Commission on Aging and City of Ishpeming. Second by Comm. Depetro. Motion adopted (5-0)

**i. Professional Engineering Agreement for Runway Liquid Deicing Storage Container**

Background: In order to provide Marquette County travelers with a safe and reliable airport during the winter months, Sawyer International Airport continues to look to improve snow and ice removal resources. A bulk

liquid storage tank that allows the ability to purchase bulk liquid runway deicing fluid has been added to the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) ten year plan. Staff have submitted the pre-application and are moving into the next steps of the complete grant process.

- A pre-application
- Engineering and bidding
- Final application and grant awarding (Federal and State funding begins)
- Construction

Staff is looking for County Board approval to prefund the engineering and design portion of the project and will submit for reimbursement after the grant is awarded. The engineering comprises of several factors, the design of the concrete, electrical, and plumbing. The tank placement will be located on the exterior of the Airport Services Center building and plumbed into the interior of the building to service the liquid spreader vehicle.

Funding Breakdown:

➤ Federal share	\$135,000
➤ State share	\$ 7,500
➤ <u>Local share</u>	<u>\$ 7,500</u>
➤ <u>Total</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

The engineering costs for this project is \$35,921, this amount will need to be prefunded locally and Marquette County will seek reimbursement after the grant is awarded. Staff believes the grant will be awarded in September and should be an easy grant to complete and close out quickly.

The Michigan Department of Transportation Office of Aeronautics reviewed the Mead & Hunt Professional Services Agreement for engineering and design and recommended its approval for state and federal participation under the FAA APP-510 guidance.

Marquette County's local share will be funded through Airport Capital Layout. The local share shall be reimbursed through the passenger facility charge (PFC) under the recently submitted PFC Application under review.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve the Professional Services Agreement and authorize the County Board Chairman to sign both copies of the Agreement between Mead & Hunt, Inc. and Marquette County for an amount not to exceed \$35,921. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (5-0)

**j. Commercial Terminal Upgrade Lease Agreement – ATT 5g**

**Scott Erbish, Administrator**, was present to discuss the New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC /AT&T wishes to license equipment storage space in the Commercial Airport Terminal.

Key license terms:

- Licensee shall pay \$100.00 each year for a lease term of 10 years, which shall automatically renew each year unless either party gives the other party at least a 90 day notice of its intent not to renew.
- Licensee shall provide 5G wireless cell phone service for traveling public.
- Licensee will be responsible for maintaining “all risk” property insurance on their property and Worker’s Compensation Insurance as required by law.
- Licensor shall provide a controlled environment and electricity.
- Licensee shall make modification to systems to improve capacity and performance, even if they may require additional power. Licensee must have approval from Licensor for any modifications that require additional space.

The License was processed through Contract Review with requested changes addressed by Licensee.

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to approve the 10 year license agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS< LLC/AT&T and authorizes Board Chairman, Mr. Gerald Corkin to sign the Agreement. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

**k. Community Corrections Bylaw Change**

SUMMARY OF REQUEST: By request of Lowell Larson, Jr., Chairperson (CCAB):

The Community Corrections Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend changing bylaws on the membership. A motion was made to add one more person as a representative of the general public. The CCAB also wanted to list a member specifically from area of "employment and training" as it is a State requirement to have a member from Michigan Works. These adjustments will increase membership from 13 to 15 – which also requires an adjustment to the quorum number (from seven to eight). In addition, there is a minor edit under the Meetings section.

Attached are the proposed changes in bold or highlighted sections.

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to approve the changes in the Community Corrections Advisory Board By-Laws on membership, as requested. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (4-0)

**11. LATE ADDITIONS:**

**a. Marquette County Community Foundation Partnership**

**Thyra Karlstrom, Manager of Planning**, was present to explain the following: The Planning Department is in the process of overhauling the County's Master Plan, a task last completed in 1982. To have a more meaningful planning process, four planning regions were created. This year, Planning will host a community meeting in each region, also known as Region Rally, to discuss results of data collected thus far and to develop community-driven short and long term strategies for improving identified issues. These strategies will become part of the implementation section of the Master Plan which will also identify funding sources and responsible parties. More info here: [www.mqtcoplan.org](http://www.mqtcoplan.org)

This process of master planning is similar to the Our Common Future "Dialogue Dinners" work of the Community Foundation of Marquette County (CFMC). CFMC recently received a \$25,000 grant from Flagstar to conduct at least four community meetings with essentially the same goals as our Master Plan Region Rallies. Instead of duplicating efforts, CFMC and Planning have partnered to hold our Region Rallies as part of their Our Common Future efforts. With this agreement, planning staff will have a budget to advertise, develop materials, rent space, provide food, have facilitators, etc. The Foundation will also use the County's Master Plan as a source for projects to fund into the future. The increased amount of community involvement provided by this partnership will elevate Marquette County's Master Plan, and the planning process, from great to phenomenal.

*\*Comm. Alholm commended the Planning Department on a Great Job on the Master Plan.*

*\*Chairperson Corkin thanked Thyra Karlstrom for help in reviewing of the Senate Bill.*

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to authorize Chairperson to sign the Agreement for Consulting Services. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (5-0)

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

**13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Chairperson Corkin** states that it was a busy weekend in Marquette County with all the winter season outdoor activities including the sled dog races and bike races.

**Comm. DePetro** congratulated U.P. 200 winner, Musher Ryan Anderson, Cushing, WI, setting the record for winning this race 8 times.

- Also congratulated Joann Fortier, Gaylor, MI, for winning the midnight run and her husband, Larry Fortier, who took second.
- Asked fellow Commissioners and Residents to support the Pigs and Heat Hockey Game Fundraiser on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the Lakeview Arena. Tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased at

a Local Fire or Police Station. Money raised will assist with lodging, food and clothing expenses for families who have had a structure fire.

**Chairperson Corkin** discussed the Launch Initiative for the Horizontal they picked us

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) as explained below. Second by Comm. Derocha. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None.

Motion adopted (5-0)

\*\*\*\*\*Recess was taken to Clear Chambers\*\*\*\*\*

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**a. MCL 15.268(c) for purpose of strategy discussion in connection with negotiation of collective bargaining agreements per request of management bargaining team.**

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.

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**Tonya Nelson**  
**Chief Deputy Clerk**

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**Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson**  
**Marquette County Board of Commissioners**