
REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855

DUE TO COVID-19 ~ UNDER 10 PERSONS IN THE ROOM PRESENT ~ THREE OF THE SIX COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT VIA ZOOM – ALL MOTIONS WERE ROLL CALL VOTES

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board Action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 2, 2020. Second by Comm. Adamini. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (5-0)

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Board Action: Comm. Derocha moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Comm. Alholm. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (5-0)

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

- **Matt Wiese, Prosecutor**, updated the board with the following information:
 - January – May 31, 2020 = 295 felony cases opened
 - Pandemic didn't slow down the crime rate in Marquette County; however offenders that posed a danger to society were lodged.
 - Court proceedings were held remotely.
 - A meeting is planned with the Circuit Court Judge to decide when trials will begin.
- **Jim Yates, MSUE Extension Employee**, stated he was hired to assist veterans with some following programs: Snap, heroes to hides, falls prevention, will be doing presentations, for more information contact MSUE in Negaunee.
- **Margaret Brumm, Marquette City Resident**, asked the board for their support in a bike safety event. During this event there will be bicycle safety equipment handed out to Marquette County Residents. For more information please contact Margaret Brumm.

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

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to Total Expenditures for the Period May 29, 2020 through June 11, 2020 were \$569,058.19 (this amount does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric); and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the Period ending May 30, 2020 was \$683,660.58. 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)

Board action: Comm. Derocha moved to approve check #200008 dated June 12, 2020 in the amount of \$260.41 payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. Adamini. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. DePetro, and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (4-0) Abstained: Comm. Alholm

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- a. EGLE Packet (In Administrators Office)
- b. Notice of Ishpeming Downtown Development Authority Informational Meeting
- c. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- d. Marquette County Solid Waste Authority Annual Report (Full copy in Administrators Office)

Board action: Comm. Alholm moved to accept informational item (a -d) for filing. Second by Comm. Derocha. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Appointment to Community Corrections Advisory Board

MARQUETTE COUNTY COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADVISORY BOARD

The Community Corrections Advisory Board is a 15 member body responsible for developing the comprehensive Community Corrections Plan and applying for grant funding through the Office of Community Corrections within the Michigan Department of Corrections in order to carry out the plan through its Coordinator. Seven are designated by law from various County Department Heads. Eight are appointed in the following categories: Police Chief, Communications/Media, Service Area (Up to 3), Business, Criminal Defense, Workforce Development and General Public (2). The CCAB oversees such programs as cognitive behavior therapy, substance abuse and pretrial services which includes a tether program.

One Michigan Works (Area of Employment & Training) Vacancy – Partial Term Ending 12-31-2021

I posted an ad in the Mining Journal and on the County Website for the public.

***Michigan Works position:** I have attached is an application from Timothy Hyde for consideration. Mr. Hyde fills the vacancy requirements as a Michigan Works Employee. No other applications were received.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to appoint Timothy Hyde to the (Michigan Works) position with a partial term ending 12/31/2021. Second by Comm. Adamini. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm, and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

b. Appointment to Marquette County Solid Waste Authority

Marquette County Solid Waste Authority: The Solid Waste Authority is a seven-member board with three members appointed by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners to staggered 3-year terms. The remaining members are appointed by the City of Marquette (two), one authority appointment, with the Chairperson being from Sands Township. The Authority assumes the responsibilities and obligations, undertakings and disposition for Marquette County municipalities under an Interlocal Agreement for the operation and management of the Solid Waste Management System Facility.

One Vacancy – 3 Year Term ending 7-1-2023

▪ An application must be on file to be considered for appointment by the Marquette County Board of Commissioners. I posted an ad in the Mining Journal and on the County Website for the public. Joe Minelli has served on this board and has expired, attached is an application from Joe Minelli for consideration for re-appointment. No other applications were received.

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to appoint Joe Minelli to the Marquette County Solid Waste Authority for a term ending 7/1/2023. 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)

c. Central Dispatch – Replacement of Computer Monitors for Dispatch Workstations

Gary Johnson, Central Dispatch Manager, stated the following: Currently each of our three dispatch workstations has seven 22 inch computer monitors. These monitors are eight years old and need to be replaced. Our Computer Aided Dispatch displays over four monitors and can occasionally be difficult to use. There are times when a pop-up window will display half on one monitor and half on another. In order to address this we will be switching to a single 43 inch monitor. We have researched several options and the monitor that works best for us is a Dell Ultra Sharp 43 inch 4K monitor. We will need to purchase three of these. We also researched the best replacement for the remaining monitors and the HP E243 23.8 inch Full HD LCD monitor works best on our phone, radio, and County computer. We would need to purchase 8 of these (we have one already).

We sourced price quotes from various vendors. For the 43inch Dell monitor pricing with shipping included:

- Empiric Solutions (UP 911 Authority IT provider) price from Dell is \$787. 49 each total \$2,362.47.
- Directly from Dell price \$839.99 each total \$2,519.97.
- CDW price \$846.99 each total \$2,540.97.

For the HP monitor pricing with shipping:

- Office Depot \$177.99 each total \$1,423.92.
- Best Buy \$179.99 each total \$1439.92.
- CDW \$186.99 each total \$1495.92.

* We currently have sufficient funds in our Capital Improvements to cover these costs.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to purchase three Dell Ultra Sharp 43 inch 4K monitors from Dell using Empiric Solutions for a total cost of \$2,362.47. We further recommend purchasing 8 HP E243 23.8 inch monitors from Office Depot for a total cos of \$1,423.92 for Central Dispatch. Second by Comm. Corkin. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

d. Itron Software Upgrade Recommendation

Duane DuRay, Sawyer Director, The KI Sawyer Water Department is equipped with Itron handheld remote meter readers. This provides staff the ability to read a majority of the Sawyer water meters remotely. The FC300 remote meter reader works directly with a standalone computer system operating with MVRS software. This equipment is becoming outdated and staff is looking to update the system with new software and an improved Itron mobile reader. The upgrade for the operating system at Sawyer is only available through Itron and will require waiving of the current Marquette County Purchasing Policy as a sole source provider. The cost breakdown for the upgrade is below:

- Cost for software for the upgrade is at **no cost** for current user until January 2021;
*Installation of software cost - **\$1,050** (estimated six (6) hours @ \$175/hour)
- Cost for the training for the new software and hardware **\$2,800** (estimated 16 hours @ \$175/hour)
- One Itron mobile reader with computer tablet - **\$3,000**.

Total estimated cost for the upgrade is approximately **\$6,850**.

Staff believes it is beneficial to upgrade this year while the company is offering the software free of charge, minus the installation and training fees. Upgrading the system and eliminating the computer currently being used will also lessen issues relating to outdated hardware and software, and furthermore, Itron is discontinuing support of the existing equipment in 2021.

*The funding will come through maintenance and repair budget line item.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to waive the Purchase Policy, allowing staff to upgrade the Water Department software and purchase the support equipment. Second by Comm. Derocha. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

e. Courtyard Improvement Project Recommendation

Aaron Karlstrom, Facilities Director, stated the following: The hard surface (concrete) leading from Baraga Ave to the 1st Floor Jail and Annex entrance is badly deteriorated. This surface has been patched over the years by contractors and facilities staff and needs a complete overhaul.

This project will create a much needed barrier free access ramp from Baraga Ave to the 1st Floor entrance of the Jail and Annex. The existing shrubs/bushes along the building will be replaced with sod, eliminating obstructions near the building improving security. The exterior lighting fixtures will be replaced with new LED light fixtures.

In order to create a Barrier Free access ramp, it is necessary to remove the silver maple tree in the ROW along Baraga Ave to establish the necessary grade, see picture below. It was determined during the pre-bid walk through that it will be necessary to remove a second silver maple tree, which is Addendum #2.

During the bidding process a discussion between the engineer and staff took place about the potable water service line that runs below the existing concrete. It is recommended to replace the existing 1970's cast iron piping during this concrete replacement which is Addendum #1.

The County's Purchasing Policy has been followed and 3 bids were submitted:

Contractor:	Base Bid:	Addendum #1	Addendum #2
Arrow Constructions INC	\$74,645.00	\$43,200.00	\$2,000.00
Associated Constructors LLC	\$82,456.00	\$20,000.00	\$3,000.00
Premeau Construction INC	\$70,938.50	\$30,000.00	\$2,500.00

* Funding source for the project is Public Improvement

* The budget for the Courtyard Improvement Project is set at \$80,000.00, minus \$3,750.00 for Engineering.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to award the project to Premeau Construction including both Addendums in the amount of \$103,438.50. It is recommended to use funds in Public Improvement allocated for Annex Parking Lot Replacement to cover the overage. Second by Comm. Derocha. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

f. Salary Recommendation Re: County Administrator

Chairperson Corkin, stated the following: I am recommending the following for the County Administrator:

- 1% wage increase effective June 1, 2020 with a \$250.00 bonus
- 1% wage increase effective January 1, 2021 with a \$250.00 bonus
- Clarification for the Employment Agreement to read as follows: The parties acknowledge and agree that retiree hospitalization medical coverage shall continue into retirement as vested and unalterable right for the life of the retiree and eligible dependents.

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to follow the above recommendations for the County Administrator. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

g. Salary Recommendation Re: Elected Officials

Chairperson Corkin, recently received an inquiry regarding County Board consideration of a wage increase for elected officials. Given that it has been since 2015 that an elected official, excluding Judges, has received a wage increase, I am therefore recommending the following increase(s) for the following elected positions: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Treasurer, and Mine Inspector:

- 1% wage increase effective June 1, 2020 with a \$250.00 bonus
- 1% wage increase effective January 1, 2021 with a \$250.00 bonus

***Note: there will be no bonus/wage increase for County Commissioners and hasn't been since 1986.**

Board action: Comm. Derocha moved to increase wages/bonus for the following elected positions: Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk, Sheriff, Register of Deeds, Drain Commissioner, Treasurer, and Mine Inspector as indicated above. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. (5-0)

h. VMWARE Software Renewal

Paul Carley, IT Director, stated the following: In regard to renewing our VMWare Support Contract.

1. Every aspect of the county now relies on our VMWare infrastructure on which we run all of our server virtualization, backups, VDI, and storage management. The support contract was budgeted as part of the Technology Fund Software Maintenance line item for one year of renewal.
2. The closest VMWare enterprise partner to our location is Camera Corner of Green Bay. There are no certified VMWare Enterprise partners in the UP.
3. There are only 2 of the vendors that we deal with on a regular basis that sell this support (see attached quotes).
 - a. Camera Corner \$22,525.00
 - b. CDW (MI-Deal contract) \$22,719.00
4. We have a working relationship with Camera Corner in that they were the vendor that supplied the initial installation and configuration of our system.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to Renew VMWare Software for the County of Marquette. Second by Comm. Corkin. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

a. Appointment to Board of Community Action Alger Marquette (CAAM)

A recommendation was made to appoint John Fegan to the Board of Community Action Alger Marquette (CAAM) for a three year term ending June 30, 2023.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to appoint John Fegan to the Board of Community Action Alger Marquette (CAAM) for a three year term ending June 30, 2023. Second by Comm. Derocha. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (5-0)

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

- **Sheriff Zyburt** updated the board with the following:
 - Calls for service – March – May = 581
 - Citations = 174; Arrests = 50; Accidents = 58; Daily Jail Population = 44-98 on average over those months
 - April 2nd was the last day there was inmates at the detention center.
 - **Captain Greg Gustafson – retired after 35 years of service!**
 - **Lt. Steede was promoted to Captain (Jail Administrator)**
 - **Sgt. Kangas was promoted to Jail Lieutenant**
 - The Jail has continued to take precautions to help keep COVID out of the jail – extra cleaning, testing, etc.
 - One staff member tested positive and since then that person has tested negative, will be returning to work after 2 negative tests have been received.
- **Darlene Allen, League of Women Voters**, announced the voter guide will be on the 411.0rg website for the public.

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

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Comm. DePetro** stated that when an assistance call came into the Sheriff's Dept. for a water rescue at Little Presque Isle, luckily the Coast Guard Helicopter was practicing search and rescue in Delta County so the helicopter rescued the lady from the water and brought her to the hospital for care.
- **Comm. DePetro** stated that June 13 & 14 ~ 989 residents received COVID testing, thanked everyone for their assistance and making this possible in Marquette County.
- **Comm. Adamini** made an inquiry regarding another testing date for COVID in Marquette County, since the rate of success was high.
- **Chairperson Corkin** stated the Road Commission gave approval to allow the Forestry Commission the ability to haul more loads – many thanks to Jim Iwanicki & Comm. Derocha for their good work!
- **Chairperson Corkin** also thanked Commissioners for being able to remote in and keep the business going in Marquette County. Hopefully in July we can start being together as a board in the Commissioners Room!

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:53 p.m.

Linda K. Talsma
Marquette County Clerk

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners