
REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 – 6:00 P.M. – COMMISSIONERS ROOM 231, HENRY A. SKEWIS ANNEX, MARQUETTE, MI 49855

DUE TO COVID-19 ~FOUR 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 and Comm. Nordeen

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board Action: Comm. Adamini moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 19, 2020. 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)

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Board Action: Comm. Derocha moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 11a) Non-Represented Recommended Wage Increase with Bonus. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken ~ Ayes: Comm. Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted. (6-0)

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

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the Total Expenditures for the period May 14, 2020 through May 29, 2020 were \$519,455.01; and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending May 16, 2020 was \$608,464.32. 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)

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a. EGLE Notification: 601 Trucking

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

10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Community Corrections Grant Application

Amy Peters, Community Corrections Coordinator, was available for questions regarding the following: Marquette County Community Corrections is asking for \$67,204 in funding for FY 2021. The total program funding requested is \$48,504 and would fund: Moral Reconciliation Therapy (\$4,100), Pretrial Supervision Services (\$37,600) and Pretrial Assessment Services (\$6,804). These programs will be offered to medium/high risk felony offenders, both sentenced and pretrial, either housed at one of the Marquette County Jail facilities or in the community setting.

The Administration portion of the grant- Marquette County is asking for a total of \$18,700. This would fund the Administration salary, along with any Administration supplies, training, travel, etc.

The goal of Community Corrections is to improve the State’s prison commitment rates through the development and utilization of evidence-based, community corrections programming that targets Group 2 straddle cell offenders, probation violators, and parole violators. MDOC data analysis indicates that community sanctions and treatment provide effective alternatives to prison and jail sentences while increasing public safety and decreasing recidivism.

Below, is a breakdown of the funding -

Program	Services/Charges/Salary	Total
Moral Reconciliation Therapy	\$4,100	\$4,100
Pretrial Supervision Services	\$37,600	\$37,600
Pretrial Assessment Services	\$6,804	\$6,804
Total Program	\$48,504	\$48,504
Administration	\$14,200	\$14,200
Admin. Supplies, etc.	\$4,500	\$4,500
Total Administration		\$18,700
Total Program & Admin.		\$67, 204

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the Community Corrections Grant Application. Second by Comm. Nordeen. 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)

b. Approval of 2020 Tax Rate

Anne Giroux, Finance Manager, presented Form L-4029 which had both summer and winter levies included on this form. This form is done yearly for millage levies. *Form can be located in the Finance Managers Office.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the 2020 Tax Rate Request for Marquette County. Second by Comm. Adamini. 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)

c. CARES Grant

Duane DuRay, Sawyer Director, discussed the following: Recently Congress passed the Cares Act in response to the anticipated COVID 19 pandemic financial hardships on several areas of the US economy, including the aviation industry. The Act provided \$10 billion for airports to maintain safe and efficient airport operations. The FAA utilized a formula to distribute money to airports across the United States with Marquette County receiving \$18,075,846. The FAA encourages airport sponsors to spend the funds expeditiously in order to reduce the adverse impacts of the pandemic. The Grant must be for the purposes directly related to the airport which includes:

- FAA approved airport operating expenses
- Debt repayment / land acquisition;
- Capital improvement projects.

This grant is a 100% federally sponsored, requiring no local share.

The initial grant submission allocates the entire grant amount for operating expenses that are eligible dating back to January 20, 2020. At a later date a comprehensive plan will be drafted to address eligible capital improvement projects. A request will then be made for an allowable grant amendment.

Grant money earmarked for **Operating Expenses** must be used within a four (4) year time span starting at the date of execution of the grant. Grant money earmarked for **Capital Improvement Projects** currently do not have a specific time to be used by.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, UNDER FEDERAL PROJECT NO: 3-26-0153-4720.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan:

- Section I. That the Board of Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan shall enter into a Grant Agreement for the development of Sawyer International Airport, and that such Grant Agreement shall be as set forth hereinafter;*
- Section II. That Gerald Corkin, Chairperson of Marquette County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Grant Agreement on behalf of the County of Marquette, Michigan, and Linda Talsma, Marquette County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest said execution:*
- Section III. That the Grant Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.*

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the acceptance of the Cares Act Grant No. 3-26-0153-047-2020 to include the attached FAA and Resolution for Grant Agreement No: 3-26-0153-047-2020 and authorize Chairperson Gerald Corkin, Civil Council, and the County Clerk to provide signatures for the grant documents. 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)

d. 2020 Capital Projects

Scott Erbisch, Administrator, was present to explain the following: at the April 7, 2020 County Board of Commissioners meeting, the County Board of Commissioners approved delaying further implementation of the 2020 Capital Improvement plan, with a few exceptions, through the month of May. Now that more time has passed with respect to the COVID 19 situation, and that the majority of funds are from funds other than the General Fund, I am recommending that the County Board of Commissioner discontinue delaying the implementation of the 2020 Capital purchases and projects.

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to discontinue the delay on capital purchases and projects identified in the approved 2020 Capital Projects Lists. 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)

e. Life and Long Term Disability Insurance Recommendation

Jim Kent, Human Resources & Risk Manager explained the following: Our current contract with Lincoln Financial for the subject insurance policies, through 44North, is set to expire August 1, 2020, so I have obtained quotes for these employee-benefit plans.

Lincoln's quote for Life Insurance provides an increase from \$.13/\$1,000 coverage to \$.143. Their quote for AD&D remains unchanged at \$.03/\$1,000 coverage. Lincoln's quote for Long Term Disability (LTD) would increase from \$.365/\$100 earnings to \$.402/\$100 earnings. Lincoln offered to delay the premium rate increases for six months, until February 1, 2021.

Western Michigan Health Insurance Pool (WMHIP) provided quotes from 5 insurance carriers, with the most competitive quote being from National Insurance Services (NIS). The NIS quote for Life Insurance is \$.105/\$1,000 coverage. The NIS AD&D rate is the same as Lincoln at \$.03/\$1,000 coverage. The NIS quote for LTD insurance is \$.29/\$100 earnings, significantly lower than the Lincoln quote.

The Lincoln quote has a three-year rate guarantee until August 1, 2023, while the NIS quote has an almost five-year rate guarantee until April 1, 2025.

Based on these rate quotes, switching to NIS would save the County approximately \$14,700 in the first twelve months and \$17,700 annually after that.

Board action: Comm. Derocha moved to authorize the change from Lincoln Financial to NIS through WMHIP effective August 1, 2020. Second by Comm. DePetro. 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)

f. City of Negaunee TIF Resolution

City of Negaunee Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Expansion

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners supports the efforts of the City of Negaunee to enhance its economic development with the expansion of its Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district as noted in the attached map, and

WHEREAS, the expanded TIF district will create additional revenue for the City of Negaunee as development occurs in said district during the time the TIF is active, and

WHEREAS, the City of Negaunee canceled their previously scheduled meeting on March 12, 2020 which rescinds the previous County Resolution in support of the City of Negaunee's TIF expansion, and

WHEREAS, the City of Negaunee approved the expanded TIF district at a public meeting held on May 14, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette is opting out of the TIF and instead entering into an interlocal agreement to provide an alternative method for capturing the proposed increase in tax revenue over the course of 15 years, and

WHEREAS, the interlocal agreement will allow for the capture of 100% of the increment for the first ten (10) years of the agreement and 50% of the increment for the remaining five (5) years, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports the City of Negaunee's TIF expansion as defined on the attached map, opts out of the TIF, and resolves to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) years as noted above in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be placed in the Marquette County Register of Deeds with the attached executed Interlocal Agreement and Tax Increment Finance map.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to adopt the City of Negaunee TIF Resolution as outlined above. Second by Comm. Adamini. Roll Call Vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None Absent: None

g. Marquette County Preparedness Plan

Scott Erbsich, Administrator, was present to discuss the following: the COVID 19 Preparedness and Response Plan has been drafted per the requirements of the Governor's most recent Executive Order (EO) and the and in accordance with the Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID 19 by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA). Each Commissioner will receive an e-mailed copy.

The plan was drafted and modified from a model plan provided to Counties by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA). The plan was made effective June 1, 2020, but County Board approval is required. Appendix H is being finalized and will be available on Monday, June 1, 2020.

A copy of the plan is available in the County Administrators office or a copy can be e-mailed to any interested person from the public.

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to approve the proposed County of Marquette Preparedness and Response Plan as presented, and authorize future amendments to incorporate future statutory, OSHA, or Executive Order (EO) requirements. Second by Comm. Corkin. 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:

a. Non-Represented Recommended Wage Increase and Bonus

Prior to the pandemic, County Staff, with direction from the County Board of Commissioners, negotiated and settled three (3) bargaining union agreements that originally expired December 31, 2019. Additionally, the Sheriff's Road Patrol bargaining agreement expires June 30, 2020. Since the County uses a classification and compensation system that determines point values for positions, which impacts wages, it is important to keep the system in balance.

The non-represented employees, comprised of department managers, supervisor, and sensitive positions, are not unionized and cannot negotiate. These positions are included in the Classification and Compensation system.

Board action: Comm. Derocha moved to approve the following:

- *1% annual increase effective June 1, 2020 with a \$250.00 bonus
- *1% wage increase starting January 1, 2021 & \$250 bonus
- *1% wage increase starting January 1, 2022

Second by Comm. DePetro. Ayes: Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (6-0)

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

Sheriff Zybert stated there was a positive COVID-19 case - a jail inmate and all protocol was followed. Numbers in the Jail have been kept low but as the jail begins to open back up the numbers of inmates will increase. As of this time everyone is safe and healthy in the jail population and staff. Peaceful protests have been occurring around Marquette County, the protesters haven't been many issues thus far.

No other public comment, this portion of the meeting was closed.

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairperson Corkin stated Comm. Adamini, County Administrator and himself met with the MEDC to discuss important projects that may occur in Marquette County in the future.

Comm. DePetro commended Comm. Nordeen on his TV-6 interview concerning the young death of a Forsyth Township Firefighter – Ben Lauren.

Comm. Nordeen stated that the Senate Bill to rename a portion of M-35 for the two Forsyth Twp. Firefighters will be decided in session tomorrow at noon.

14. CLOSED SESSION

15. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:46 p.m.

Linda K. Talsma
Marquette County Clerk

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners