
**REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 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. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, and Chairperson Corkin
- Absent: Comm. Alholm and Comm. Derocha

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board Action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 3, 2020. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted. (4-0)

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

a. Retirement Resolution – Sue Vercoe

Comm. Nordeen read the following resolution:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION
HONORING THE SERVICE OF SUSAN VERCOE**

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest Caliber; and

WHEREAS, Sue was hired on February 24, 1997 as a Temporary Accountant for the County of Marquette; Sue was an integral part of the K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base conversion. Her position was reclassified in 1999 as Accountant for K.I. Sawyer Development; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 Sue had successfully bid on the Management Analyst position and shortly thereafter the Finance Manager position, this position she has held for over 20 years. Sue was instrumental in guiding department heads and advising the County Board on financial matters throughout all areas within the County's budget; and

WHEREAS, Sue has been commended multiple times for going above and beyond the scope of her job description, assisting departments with financial requests in making County departments run more efficiently. Her financial leadership has not only allowed the county to work through several fiscal crises, but has also helped make the county fiscally stronger going forward; and

WHEREAS, Sue has performed her job duties with a positive attitude, being friendly, outgoing and professional, while being a role model for the Finance Department as well as for her peers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Marquette recognizes and thanks Sue for her 23 years of service within K.I. Sawyer Development, Aging Services, as well as the Finance Department as an invaluable employee and a deeply respected leader to Marquette County. On behalf of all County Citizens, the County Board wishes Sue Vercoe a happy and healthy retirement.

***Sue Vercoe** was present to accept her plaque and thanked the Board for their years of support; also having the opportunity to work with excellent fellow employees and staff over the years. “Marquette County has been an excellent place to work and I’ve been proud to say I was an employee of Marquette County!”

***Chairperson Corkin thanked Sue on behalf of the board for her exceptional financial work and has always been the MVP of the County- Sue you will be missed!**

b. Retirement Resolution – Debbie Kimmes

Chairperson Corkin read the following resolution:

**MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION
HONORING THE SERVICE OF DEBORAH KIMMES**

WHEREAS, Government has an obligation to provide its citizens with services of the highest quality; and quality services can only be provided by employees of the highest Caliber; and

WHEREAS, Debbie came to the County as a CPA (Certified Public Accountant) with a strong background in banking; Debbie was hired on April 4, 2000 as the Management Analyst in the Finance/Accounting Department for the County of Marquette; and

WHEREAS, Debbie has provided the daily oversight of payroll and accounts payable processing and was responsible for timely and accurate financial reporting, taking a lead role in the planning and implementation of the financial software conversion which was completed in 2014. She provided the ongoing analysis and evaluation of the cost savings generated by the many changes to our healthcare contracts, and

WHEREAS, Debbie was a valuable resource to various departments with grant applications, reporting and compliance requirements; Deb has been of assistance to so many Department Heads in preparation and adjustment of annual budgets, as well as the annual audits performed by an external auditing firm. Debbie has performed her job duties with pride and ease whatever challenge was presented to her; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Marquette recognizes and thanks Debbie for over 19 years of service within the Finance Department as an outstanding employee and maintaining a high level standard as a Bench Mark for all who follow. On behalf of all County Citizens, the County Board wishes Deborah Kimmes and her husband Bill a happy and healthy retirement.

Debbie was present to accept her plaque and thanked the Board as well as fellow County employees she has had the opportunity to work with over the years.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Board Action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 8) Declaration of a "Local State of Emergency and 11a) Temporary Expansion of Permissible Use of Medical Leave Due to COVID-19. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted. (4-0)

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

▪ **Dan Willey, Undersheriff,** updated the board with the following:

- Road Patrol-Calls for service 272, 34 arrests including 7 OUIL or OUID, 7 drug arrests for Meth and Cocaine, Policed 51 crashes, wrote 106 citations
- Search & Rescue
 - Training: Dive Training-Ice Rescue; Search & Rescue Field Training-Michigamme Twp; Search & Rescue-Snowmobile Training; Search & Rescue-GPS Training; Snowmobile Certification for deputies-Camp Grayling
 - Lost Hikers/Call for assistance: Marquette Twp.-missing child (autistic); Snowmobile Crash-Trail 5 Personal Injury
 - Public safety classes, events & Inspections: Snowmobile safety class-Forsyth Twp; Snowmobile winter survival class-Chocolay Twp.; Suicide Prevention-Ishpeming Armory; Polar Roll-Trail 8
- Rescue 131
 - Training-SCBA yearly fit kit-Ropes and Knots for rescue mission, Extrication techniques
 - Calls for Assistance: Skandia Twp-Personal Injury Crash; Forsyth Twp-Structure Fire; Ishpeming City-Personal Injury Crash; Marquette City-Water Rescue; Forsyth Twp.-Personal Injury Crash
 - Public Safety classes, events & Inspections: Marquette Fire Fighters Assoc. Meeting
- Jail: 165 booked in 115 male/50 female; 158 released 106 male/52 female; Average daily population for Feb-116-97 male/19 female; ADP for February Jail 88, DC23, Feds 10

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 February 28, 2020 through March 12, 2020 were \$601,210.15 (This amount does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric); and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending March 7, 2020 was \$676,323.93; and approve check #198495, dated 3/3/2020, \$144.72 ~ Payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (4-0)

7. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. CDBG Grant/Contrast Coffee**
- b. Recreation Passport Grant**
- c. MI Natural Resource Grant**
- d. Waterways Grant/Big Bay Harbor Master Plan**

Chairperson Corkin opened the Public Hearing for 7a) CBDG Grant/Contrast Coffee, hearing no public comment this portion of the meeting was closed.

Chairperson Corking opened the Public Hearing for 7b-7d, hearing no public comment. Chairperson Corkin closed this portion of the meeting.

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT

- a. Declaration of a “Local State of Emergency”**

Teresa Schwalbach, Emergency Management Coordinator, was present to explain the following on March 17, 2020, the County of Marquette, as a result of the corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic, the State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States, the following conditions exist:

Marquette County including cities and townships within the County are experiencing limited access to first responder health and safety resources. Additionally, because of the monitoring requirements that is placed on the local health department personnel, additional staff and resources may be needed if the current status of health concerns deteriorates. Marquette County has limited resources to combat and respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Therefore, as Chair of the Board of commissioners of Marquette County, in accordance with Section 10 of 1976 PA 390, as amended, I hereby declare that a “state of emergency” exists within our jurisdiction as of March 17, 2020, and that local resources are being utilized to the fullest possible extent. The county EOC has been virtually activated along with the county emergency operations plan until such time as the Board acts to cease the state of emergency.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- a. MDEQ Air Quality Pending Permit**
- b. EGLE Letter Re: Saw Grant Disbursement (No. 4)**
- c. EGLE Letter Re: 2 eagle Mine permits to install**
- d. UPACC Oppose SB431 ~ Requesting the Great Lakes Shoreline be Declared a Disaster Area**
- e. UPACC Supporting Resolution for Emergency Management and Safe Schools**

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to accept informational item (a-e) for filing. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (4-0)

10. ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Michigan Natural Resources Waterways Grant Application/Resolution**

The Planning Division is working on a grant application for funds from the Michigan Waterways Program, administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The project in the grant application is to develop a Harbor Master Plan to outline maintenance and development needs.

In 2018, planning staff presented a grant application to the Marquette County Board of Commissioners for a dock expansion project. This was a \$242,400 grant proposal with a 50% match. Grant funds were not received for the project. Although expanding the number of slips remains a priority, it must be balanced with other needs at the Harbor. Raising water levels, aging infrastructure, including the water and septic systems and fuel pump, must also be planned for. A Harbor Master Plan, is an all-encompassing

development and maintenance plan that will also include preliminary engineering plans for projects, a requirement of development grants.

The total cost of the project is \$60,000, of which 50% would come from the County and 50% from the Natural Resources Trust Waterways Grant Program. Staff recommends using \$30,000 from reserved Capital funds allocated for the Big Bay Harbor for the match.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF DNR WATERWAYS PROGRAM GRANT
APPLICATION FOR BIG BAY HARBOR MASTER PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on March 17, 2020, supported the submission of an application titled, "Big Bay Harbor Master Plan" to the Michigan Waterways Program for the Master Plan of the Big Bay Harbor of Refuge.

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the County's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, Marquette County had made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$30,000 matching funds; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Waterways Program Grant Application for \$60,000 and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$30,000 (50%) of a total \$60,000 project cost.

Board/Roll Call:

Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin

Nays: None

Absent: Comm. Derocha & Comm. Alholm (Resolution adopted)

b. MI Natural Resources Trust Fund & MI Recreation Passport Grant Application/Resolution

The Planning Division is working on grant applications for funding from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and Recreation Passport grant programs administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The projects in the grant applications fall into three categories, all at Perkins Park and Campground in Big Bay:

1. Renovate the existing play area. This includes replacing the existing outdated playground equipment and play surface. The play area was identified as a safety hazard by the County's Safety Committee. The new equipment will be suitable for a wide range of ages and abilities and will meet today's safety standards. ADA compliant features are a major component to this project.
 2. Construct a walkway from the parking lot to the play area. This will include proper slope and surface material to meet ADA standards for accessibility.
 3. Update the sand volleyball court located adjacent to the play area and beach. Updates include replacing the net and poles to keep the net at a proper tension.
- The total cost of the project is \$150,000 of which 36% would come from the County and 64% from the Natural Resources Trust Fund or Recreation Passport grant. The County's match of \$55,000 is approved under the 2020 Capital Program. Providing a 36% match increases the total grant application scoring points for the project. Two grant sources are being applied for in order to increase the likelihood for funding.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF DNR RECREATION PASSPORT GRANT
APPLICATION FOR PERKINS PARK AND CAMPGROUND PLAY AREA PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports the submission of an application titled, "Perkins Park and Campground Play Area Project" to the Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program for improvements at Perkins Park and Campground and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the County's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan and,

WHEREAS, Marquette County has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$55,000 matching funds; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Recreation Passport Grant Program Application for \$150,000 and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$55,000 (36%) of a total \$150,000 project cost.

Board/Roll Call:

Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini and Chairperson Corkin

Nays: None

Absent: Comm. Derocha & Comm. Alholm (Resolution adopted)

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF DNR TRUST FUND GRANT
APPLICATION FOR PERKINS PARK AND CAMPGROUND PLAY AREA PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Marquette County Board of Commissioners supports the submission of an application titled, "Perkins Park and Campground Play Area Project" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for improvements at Perkins Park and Campground and,

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by the County's 5-Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan and,

WHEREAS, Marquette County has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$55,000 matching funds; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$150,000 and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$55,000 (36%) of a total \$150,000 project cost.

Board/Roll Call:

Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini and Chairperson Corkin

Nays: None

Absent: Comm. Derocha & Comm. Alholm (Resolution adopted)

c. Perkins Park and Big Bay Harbor Fees & Rules for 2020

Thyra Karlstrom, Planner, was present to explain the following:

**PERKINS PARK CAMPGROUND & PICNIC AREA
MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN RULES AND FEES**

The following rules are in place to ensure all park visitors have an enjoyable experience at Perkins Park. Thank you for reading and adhering to these policies.

- 1) PETS MUST BE RESTRAINED AT ALL TIMES AT CAMPSITES OR ON LEASH, KEPT QUIET, WASTE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY AND NOT LEFT UNATTENDED. PETS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE SWIMMING BEACH, PLAYGROUND AND IN BUILDINGS.
- 2) MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE TO BE OPERATED ONLY ON ESTABLISHED PARK ROADS.
- 3) LIMIT OF TWO (2) VEHICLES PER CAMPSITE AND NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) PEOPLE PER CAMPSITE UNLESS PART OF A BASIC FAMILY UNIT. ONE TRAILER AND ONE TENT OR TWO TENTS ARE PERMITTED AT EACH SITE.
- 4) CAMP PERMITS MUST BE PLACED IN THE PROPER NUMBERED HOLDER AT THE SITE.
- 5) DO NOT REMOVE PICNIC TABLE FROM THE CAMPSITE.
- 6) NO CUTTING OF STANDING TREES. USE OF NAILS AND WIRES ON TREES, PICNIC TABLES, OR OTHER CAMPGROUND STRUCTURES IS PROHIBITED. CHAINSAWS ARE PROHIBITED.
- 7) QUIET HOURS ARE TO BE OBSERVED BETWEEN 11:00 PM AND 8:00 AM. VISITORS MUST LEAVE BY 10:30 PM.
- 8) DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER ONTO THE GROUND IS PROHIBITED. WASTEWATER MUST BE DISPOSED OF AT THE DUMP STATION IN THE PARKING LOT OR THE SERVICE BUILDING.

- 9) OPEN FIRES ARE PERMITTED ONLY IN DESIGNATED FIRE CIRCLES AND MUST BE EXTINGUISHED IF LEFT UNATTENDED. THE MOVING OF FIRE CIRCLES IS PROHIBITED. THE BURNING OF GARBAGE OR OTHER MATERIALS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. WOOD AND CHARCOAL ONLY.
- 10) DIGGING OR TRENCHING OF THE CAMPSITES IS PROHIBITED.
- 11) CAMPSITES AND PICNIC SITES MUST BE KEPT FREE OF LITTER.
- 12) CAMPSITES MUST BE VACATED BY 1:00 PM ON THE DATE OF PERMIT EXPIRATION.
- 13) ALL GROUPS, CLUBS, AND ORGANIZATIONS OF EIGHT (8) OR MORE PEOPLE USING THE PICNIC AREA MUST REGISTER WITH THE PARK MANAGER TO ARRANGE FOR CLEANUP AND DESIGNATION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE GROUP.
- 14) PARK STAFF HAS THE RIGHT TO TERMINATE YOUR STAY WITHOUT REFUND IF REGULATIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED.
- 15) A MINIMUM THREE NIGHT STAY IS REQUIRED ON MEMORIAL DAY, LABOR DAY, AND FIRE ON THE BAY WEEKENDS.
- 16) FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED FOR SAFETY AND CONSIDERATION OF PARK USERS.
- 17) ATV'S RULES POSTED IN THE CAMPGROUND OFFICE SHALL BE ADHERED TO.

BEACH RULES

- 1) PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE BEACH OR IN THE WATER.
- 2) NON-SWIMMERS ARE ADVISED TO STAY INSIDE THE SAFETY BUOY.
- 3) INFLATABLE TOYS, BUOYS, OR RAFTS OF ANY KIND ARE NOT PERMITTED BEYOND THE SAFETY BUOY.
- 4) PUSHING OR SHOVING FROM RAFT OR THROWING OF BEACH SAND IS NOT PERMITTED.
- 5) FIRES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE SWIMMING BEACH AT ANY TIME.
- 6) PLACE ALL DEBRIS IN TRASH CANS.
- 7) NO GLASS CONTAINERS IN BEACH AREA.
- 8) DO NOT STORE WATERCRAFT IN THE DESIGNATED KAYAK/CANOE LAUNCH AREA.

PERKINS PARK RATES

PERKINS PARK DAY RATE

PER DAY \$ 2.00

PER SEASON \$ 20.00

SHOWER FEES .25/4 MIN.

RESERVATION FEE \$3.00

Type	Fee Per Night	Fee per 5 Nights	Fee per Month
No Hook Up	\$17	\$75	\$408
No Hook Up, Lakeside	\$20	\$90	\$540* *5 night rate
Electric Only	\$23	\$105	\$552
Electric and Water	\$26	\$120	\$624
Full Hook-Up	\$30	\$140	\$720
Full Hook-up Pull-Thru	\$33	\$155	\$792
Yurt	\$65	\$315	-

GROUP EVENTS

GROUPS REQUESTING USE OF THE PAVILION WILL BE CHARGED **\$80.00**, OR **\$2.00** PER VEHICLE FOR THOSE VEHICLES IN THE PARK FOR THE EVENT WITH A MINIMUM FEE OF **\$25.00** FOR UP TO **10** VEHICLES. GROUPS MAY RESERVE THE PAVILION, BUT THE RESTROOMS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE EVENT.

BIG BAY HARBOR OF REFUGE ~ MARQUETTE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ~ RULES AND FEES

- 1) MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT - NO-WAKE SPEED - ENTRANCE CHANNEL & HARBOR.
- 2) SMALL BOATS SHALL BE PLACED IN AND REMOVED FROM THE HARBOR ONLY AT THE RAMPING FACILITY IN THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE HARBOR.
- 3) CARS & BOAT TRAILERS SHALL BE PARKED AS DIRECTED BY THE HARBOR ATTENDANT.
- 4) ALL TRANSIENT BOATS WILL BE PERMITTED FREE USE OF THE HARBOR FACILITIES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. AND 10:00 P.M., PROVIDED A MINIMUM OF 5 GALLONS OF GASOLINE IS PURCHASED. REGULAR DOCKING FEES SHALL APPLY IF BOATERS STAYING LATER THAN 10:00 P.M.
- 5) ALL BOATS USING THE DOCK FACILITIES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE HARBOR ATTENDANTS.
- 6) SMOKING AND ANY TYPE OF OPEN FLAMES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED IN THE GASOLINE DISPENSING AREA.
- 7) ALL TRASH AND DEBRIS SHALL BE PLACED IN RECEPTACLES PROVIDED FOR THAT PURPOSE.
- 8) NO CAMPFIRES PERMITTED ON HARBOR GROUNDS.
- 9) NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING ON HARBOR GROUNDS.
- 10) QUIET HOURS ARE TO BE OBSERVED BETWEEN 11:00 PM – 8:00 AM.
- 11) REGISTERED BOATERS ONLY, ALLOWED ON HARBOR GROUNDS AFTER 10:00 P.M.
- 12) THE FOLLOWING FEES SHALL APPLY:

RAMP FEE - \$2 PER LAUNCH, \$20 PER BOAT FOR SEASON

SEASONAL MOORING FEES

FROM MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 1, SLIP RATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A) AT THE CONSTRUCTED SEA WALL: \$35/FOOT OF BOAT LENGTH
 - B) AT THE EMBANKMENT AREA EAST OF THE CONSTRUCTED SEA WALL, 75% OF THE RATE IN A) ABOVE.
 - C) FOR COMMERCIAL BOATS (CHARTERS), THE RATE IS TWICE THE RATE ESTABLISHED ABOVE.
- PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARQUETTE COUNTY PRIOR TO BOAT INSERTION. FEES MAY BE PRO-RATED UPON SPECIAL APPROVAL.

MOORING FOR A 24-HOUR PERIOD (TRANSIENT RATE)

BOATS LESS THAN 25 FEET IN LENGTH: (FLAT RATE) \$30.00

BOAT SIZE	RATE	BOAT SIZE	RATE	BOAT SIZE	RATE	BOAT SIZE	RATE
25 ft	\$30.00	35 ft	\$43.00	45 ft	\$60.00	55 ft	\$75.00
26 ft	\$31.00	36 ft	\$45.00	46 ft	\$63.00	56 ft	\$76.00
27 ft	\$33.00	37 ft	\$49.00	47 ft	\$64.00	57 ft	\$78.00
28 ft	\$34.00	38 ft	\$47.00	48 ft	\$65.00	58 ft	\$79.00
29 ft	\$35.00	39 ft	\$51.00	49 ft	\$67.00	59 ft	\$80.00
30 ft	\$37.00	40 ft	\$53.00	50 ft	\$68.00	60 ft and over	\$1.46/ft.
31 ft	\$38.00	41 ft	\$54.00	51 ft	\$69.00		
32 ft	\$40.00	42 ft	\$55.00	52 ft	\$71.00		
33 ft	\$41.00	43 ft	\$57.00	53 ft	\$72.00		
34 ft	\$42.00	44 ft	\$58.00	54 ft	\$73.00		

BOATS MOORING AT ANCHOR WILL BE CHARGED 50% OF THE ABOVE RATES.

SEWAGE PUMP-OUT SERVICE FEE - \$5 PER CONNECTION

FEES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR

BOAT LENGTH IS ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST FOOT

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the Perkins Park and Big Bay Harbor Fees & Rules for 2020. Second by Comm. Adamini. Absent: Comm. Derocha & Comm. Alholm ~ Motion adopted

d. City of Negaunee TIF Resolution

At the October 1, 2019 County Board of Commissioners meeting the County was informed of the City of Negaunee's proposal to expand its Tax Increment Finance District (TIF). (Memo and minutes attached). After review and discussion by the County Board of Commissioners, the Board supported the expansion, but opted out of the TIF, instead to move forward with an interlocal agreement for a total of 15 years. The first ten (10) years Marquette County would agree to allow the City of Negaunee to capture 100% of any tax increase. The last five (5) years set the tax capture at 50%.

This action still stands today. However, the City of Negaunee held a second public hearing on the expansion on March 12, 2020. In doing so, the County should reaffirm its position of opting out of the TIF expansion and move forward as was proposed and agreed to on October 1st. The County has 60 days from the March 12, 2020 to opt out.

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 approved the expanded TIF district at a public meeting held on March 12, 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,

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/Roll Call:

Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin

Nays: None

Absent: Comm. Derocha & Comm. Alholm (Resolution adopted)

e. Protect the Protectors Program Recommendation

Jim Kent, Risk Manager, was present to explain the following: in 2019, Sheriff Zyburtt and Captain Kangas attended a Michigan Sheriff's Association meeting in Lansing where they observed a presentation by Robertson Research Institute. This program had been put into place at several Sheriff's Offices and Police Departments in Lower Michigan. In a recent memo from Robertson, 335 officers have completed a 12-week program with results and statistics; 107 officers have completed a 1-year program with results and statistics; there are no results yet on those that are just starting the second-year program.

Following this meeting, Marc Decker, President of the affiliated Robertson Brain Health, presented to a group of Marquette County senior officers and to other U.P. law enforcement. Studies show that law enforcement officers are more prone to undue health, performance and relationship issues given their job. This program is personalized to individuals on a preventative and predictive manner using genetics,

environment, and lifestyle using a practical and research-based approach. There are strong immediate feedback and outcomes.

The program involves educational seminars, personal strategic plans with a Robertson Specialist and outcome assessments at approximately 4 months and 12 months to drive outcome data for additional department programming and personal strategic plans. All participant data and technology are HIPAA compliant as Robertson Research Institute is classified as medical provider.

The Marquette County Sheriff's Office have budgeted for this program for 2020 and would like to proceed. The program would be available to full-time employees in the Sheriff's Office, approximately 20 in the Road Patrol, 7 in Senior Officers and Management, and 34 in the Corrections unit for a cost of \$20,000. Program results will be evaluated based on management and participant feedback to determine if it is worthwhile continuing into a 2nd year. * The 20-page proposal from Robertson Research Institute is available for review in the Administrator's office.

***No Board action was taken in this meeting – more bidders were requested by Commissioners before a decision can be made.**

f. State of Michigan Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Grant & Resolution

Duane DuRay, Airport Manager/Sawyer Operations Director was present to explain the following: Sawyer International Airport, as a commercial air service airport, is required under 14 CFR Part 139 to complete annual live fire training to remain proficient in Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF). Sawyer staff was awarded a \$2,000 ARFF training support grant through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). The funding breakdown is at a 90/10 split and requires a local 10% match of \$200. This training is completed in conjunction with several other Upper Peninsula airports. Sawyer International Airport will send all staff to a hosting airport to complete the necessary training. Partnering up with other airports reduces the annual cost and provides cross training with other airport personnel. The estimated cost for 2020 ARFF training is \$3,500. The grant provides approximately 57% of the cost.

Grant Financial breakdown:

Michigan Department of Transportation (90% Share)	\$2,000.00
Marquette County (10% Share)	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total	\$2,200.00

The local match and remaining amount necessary for the ARFF training is accounted for in the airport ARFF budget line item.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXECUTING CONTRACT NO. 2020-0347.

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 Contract for funding of Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Training, and that such Contract shall be as set forth hereinafter;
- Section II. That Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract on behalf of the County of Marquette, Michigan, and Linda Talsma, Marquette County Clerk is hereby authorized to attest said execution:
- Section III. That the Contract Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved to adopt and approve the State of Michigan Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Grant & Resolution. Second by Comm. Adamini. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm.

DePetro, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Derocha & Comm. Alholm ~ Motion adopted (4-0)

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

a. Temporary Expansion of Permissible Use of Medical Leave Due to COVID-19

With Governor Whitmer's March 12, 2020 announcement of public and private school closings through April 5 due to COVID-19 an unprecedented need has developed for childcare for many employees with younger children. At the same time, with the rising number of COVID-19 diagnoses in Michigan, it is anticipated that some employees and/or their dependents may be subject to quarantine without exhibiting any signs of illness. After discussions within the County, it is recommended that the County of Marquette institute a temporary change in permissible use of paid medical leave by County employees for four weeks (i.e., through April 11, 2020). Union leadership supports the recommended changes.

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to adopt Temporary Expansion of Permissible Use of Medical Leave Due to COVID-19. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Absent: Comm. Derocha & Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (4-0)

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

- **Thyra Karlstrom, Planner**, thanked the Board for passing the Temporary Expansion of Permissible Use of Medical Leave Due to COVID-19.

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

13. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS, STAFF COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairperson Corkin updated the board regarding a meeting with Rep. Cambensy; discussed state issues and the counties around Michigan getting some help for the devastation surrounding the Great Lakes Communities.

Comm. DePetro announced Russ Williams, Retirement from Negaunee Township and also served on Marquette County Road Commission Board. Russ is retiring from Negaunee Township after 43 years!

- Also, Congratulated the Police who beat the Firefighters 7-4 last Wednesday at the Pigs and Heat Hockey Game Fundraiser. They were able to raise \$15,000 for the Fire Relief Fund. Again thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and to all the businesses that donated prizes and monetary funds as with this worthy cause everyone wins!
- Also, Condolences to Forsyth Firefighter Ben Lauren's Family! Firefighter Ben Lauren lost his life in the line of duty, fighting a fire on March 13th at 9:27 PM.

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.**

Board decided to not go into Closed Session

Chairperson Corkin called for a vote on the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE**

AND THE MARQUETTE COUNTY COURTS AND COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEES LOCAL #2914
WHEREAS, THE MARQUETTE COUNTY COURTS AND COURTHOUSE EMPLOYEE'S LOCAL #2914 is recognized by the Michigan Employment Relations commission and the County of Marquette as the exclusive representative of certain employees of Marquette County; and,

WHEREAS, the parties have collectively bargained mutually acceptable terms and conditions;
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the recommendation made to the Board of Commissioners, the County resolves that the Tentative Agreement amending the collective bargaining agreement for the period April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022, is hereby approved, pending ratification by the Marquette county Courts and Courthouse Employee's Local #2914. It is further resolved that the Board Chairperson is authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to adopt the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Marquette Courts and Courthouse Employees Local #2914. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. DePetro and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Alholm & Comm. Derocha. Motion adopted (4-0)

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF MARQUETTE AND THE
MARQUETTE COUNTY SHERIFF AND THE
MARQUETTE COUNTY SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND THE
POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS, THE MARQUETTE COUNTY SENIOR OFFICERS ASSOCIATION and the POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN is recognized by the Michigan Employment Relations Commission, the County of Marquette, and the Marquette County Sheriff as the exclusive representative of certain employees of Marquette County; and,

WHEREAS, the parties have collectively bargained mutually acceptable terms and conditions;
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the recommendation made to the Board of Commissioners, the County resolves that the Tentative Agreement amending the collective bargaining agreement for the period April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023, is hereby approved. It is further resolved that the Board Chairperson is authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to adopt the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Marquette and Marquette County Sheriff and Marquette County Senior Officers Association and the Police Officers Association of Michigan. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Alholm & Comm. Derocha. Motion adopted (4-0)

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to allow the Airport Union to receive the same bonus as the other two that were adopted tonight. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Nordeen, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Alholm & Comm. Derocha. Motion adopted (4-0)

15. ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:51 p.m.

Linda K. Talsma
Marquette County Clerk

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners