
**REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 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. Nordeen, and Chairperson Corkin
- Absent: Comm. Alholm

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Board Action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2020 and Closed Session meeting held on February 18, 2020. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted. (5-0)

3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Board Action: Comm. DePetro moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 11a) Bicycle Safety Resolution. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted. (5-0)

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

- **Margaret Brumm, Marquette,** Very happy that the board is going to consider her request for resolution, naming March 26, 2020, Bike Safety Day in the City of Marquette. Reason for the resolution is making people more visible. Have gathered sponsors to purchase vest and lights for bikers, pedestrians and anyone who comes to the meeting March 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. held at the Peter White Public Library. Marquette City Bicycling Safety Officer will be in attendance. Purpose is to educate individuals to become more visible and safety.
- **Matt Wiese, Prosecutor,** updated the board with the following: 129 felony files which is higher rate of pace than previous 2 years. 5 jury trials since December ~ 3 of those were felonies, 2 were misdemeanors. Next week start multiple count CSC 1st degree trial, involving a young child. Preparing with a young child requires a huge amount of time, resources and staff. Prosecutors Office currently has 2 vacancies to fill which makes things more difficult. Judge Gotham who is from Wester UP and is retired but has accepted an appointment by the State Court Administrators Office to assist Marquette County with our caseload. Dickinson County has approximately 26,000 people and 4 attorneys in their Prosecutors Office and handle around 200 felony cases a year. Our office is looking at over 700 felony cases with 5 ½ attorneys. Begun the process of looking at the Family Support Office being transitioned into Friend of Court. Goal and intent to ask this board within 6-9 months to allow the transition and to allow the ½ time attorney that is doing Family Support Collection to become full time Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. He feels it makes more sense with the criminal caseload to dedicate to public safety and criminal justice matters.

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

6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the total expenditures for the period February 14, 2020 through February 27, 2020 were \$241,971.40; and Bi-Weekly Payroll for the period ending February 22, 2020 was \$684,232.94. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (5-0)

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT

a. Lake Superior Community Partnership Report

Amy Clickner, CEO, LSCP, was present and distributed copies of the 2019 Year Report Packet.

LSCP Mission: to stimulate and sustain a vibrant regional economy by facilitating economic growth and prosperity. **LSCP Values:** Leadership, Focus, Expertise and Integrity. **Brand Pillars:** Region's leading resource for economic growth development; provide a wide variety of affordable and effective development services for businesses and municipalities; help make the connections that matter between businesses, organizations, leaders and legislators; provide a powerful legislative voice, advocating for programs and policies that strengthen our regional economy. 2019 Budget exceeded net revenue slightly at the end of the year. Expense perspective more than half of budget is people. Diversified revenue with contracts, fees for services, grants and other opportunities. 2020 Budget is similar to 2019, note there is a Reserve fund of \$79,628. Goal is to have 6 months of operating expenses & a 7 year maintenance fund. 80% of growth comes from within, meaning need to be spending 80% of time and resources on retention/expansion and start up. **Key Takeaways:** Nearly 4,000 clients served in the last 10 years; Revenue Diversification; Regional Collaborators; for every \$1 invested, the LSCP facilitated \$204 in new investment.

b. County Treasurer Report

Nick Benson, County Treasurer, was present and distributed copies of the 2019 Annual Report. Parcels forfeited and foreclosed on slightly down. Foreclosure rates are the same as well as the State-wide average. Dog licenses sold decreased but revenue went up due to 3 years licenses versus 1 year licenses. Plat books sold is slightly down.

2019 Budget Results:

- Foreclosed on 28 properties. Of the 28 properties 5 were taken by the Land Bank Authority prior to auction and 23 were sold at auction.
- Investment Strategy in the past and current is a ladder strategy. Ladder Strategy minimizes interest rate risk increases liquidity and diversifies the credit risk.
- 12 Financial Hardship extensions were granted to avoid Foreclosure in 2019.

2020 Accomplishments:

- Awarded a Certification as a Public Funds Investment Manager
- Credit Cards - Implementation of new credit card processor was completed. Offers lower convenience fee of 2.5% for Credit Cards & 1.5% for Debit Cards
- 7 Financial Hardships have been granted for Foreclosure in 2020. March 31st is the final day for financial hardships. Continue to notify taxpayers about the Step Forward Michigan Program. Information on this program can be located at the Treasurer's Office.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

a. Pathways Community Mental Health – 4th Annual Walk-A-Mile-in-My Shoes Rally

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to accept informational item (a) for filing. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (5-0)

10. ACTION ITEMS:

a. Expansion of Network Storage and Backup Capacity – Information Systems

Due to the addition of multiple departments within our document management system, an increase in storage of case documents for the Prosecutors office, addition of storage needs for Public Defender's office, and backup of all data on our network, we are nearing capacity on our current system. An expansion would increase the capacity on our current storage array by approximately 125% allowing us to continue using this solution for another 3-4 years. A complete replacement would cost approximately \$95,000.

Quotes were received from our current storage vendor, Camera Corner of Green Bay; along with two local certified HP partners (906 Technologies and Compudyne), and prices were checked on the Michigan pre-bid contracts through CDWG.

- a.** 906 Technologies: \$48,005.12
- b.** Compudyne: No response received

- c. Camera Corner \$13,800.71 (HP Big Deal Pricing)
- d. CDWG (GSA contract) \$39,570.10 (plus additional services that weren't available under the contract)

Board action: Comm. DePetro moved that Camera Corner be awarded the contract for an amount not to exceed \$13,800.71. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (5-0)

b. K-9 Recommendation from the Sheriff's Office

Greg Zybert, Sheriff, was present to explain: on Tuesday, February 20, 2020, quotes were received from three (3) vendors for the purchase and certification and training of a department K-9. Requests for quotes were utilized in lieu of requests for proposals. K-9 vendors are specific in training and certification on departmental use. K-9's are unique in that their certifications are based on mission use. Sheriff Zybert states funding would come from Donations of \$10,000 from Cliffs Mining, \$1,000 from Walmart and \$900.00 from Marquette Chapter of Wart Hogs (Police Motor Cycle Group) and the remaining balance of cost of dogs and cost of expenses associated with dog such as food and vet bills will come from under Millage for Special Ops.

K-9 Vendors:

Von der haus Gill German Shepards, Inc

16863 Boundry Road, Wapakoneta, OH 45895-8058

Quoted price for K-9 and training: **\$12,800.00**

Oakland Police Academy

2900 Featherstone Road, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Quoted price for K-9 and training: **\$13,500.00 (+/-)**

Mark McDonough

551 Van Buren Street, Anoka, MN 55303 (Specifications did not meet requirements.)

Unsure of K-9 and related costs or if included

Quoted price for training: **\$10,500.00 (+/-)**

Board action: Comm. Nordeen moved to award Gill German Shepards Inc. the project for the Sheriff's Department K9 in an amount not to exceed \$12,800. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (5-0)

11. LATE ADDITIONS:

a. Bicycle Safety Resolution

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has 42 trails in the vicinity, including 37 for road biking and these trails range from 0.4 to 18.4 miles in length;

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette has vested interest in the safety of all its residents and visitors who travel by bicycle;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners declares March 26, 2020 to be "Bicycle Safety Day" within the County and encourages all residents to take advantage of all scheduled events on this day being held in furtherance of Bicycle Safety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to all the Municipalities in the County and to all the State and Local Police Departments and all Sheriff's Departments within the County.

Board action: Comm. Adamini moved to adopt the Bicycle Safety Resolution. Second by Comm. DePetro. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Alholm. 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 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, Supervisor of the City of Negaunee's Water Department and also served on Marquette County Road Commission Board is retiring Wednesday, March 25th and inviting the board to attend his retirement party that day to be held at the Negaunee Township Hall from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

- Also, asked fellow Commissioners and Residents to support the Pigs and Heat Hockey Game Fundraiser to be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at the Lakeview Arena. Tickets are \$1.00 and can be purchased at a Local Fire or Police Station.

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 TEAMSTERS LOCAL #406 (AIRPORT)

WHEREAS, THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL #406 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; County resolves that the collective bargaining agreement, as amended, for the period April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022, is hereby approved, pending ratification by Teamsters Local #406. 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 and Teamsters Local #406 (Airport). Second by Comm. Derocha. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha and Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Absent: Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (5-0)

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

Tonya Nelson
Chief Deputy Clerk

Gerald O. Corkin, Chairperson
Marquette County Board of Commissioners