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**REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 – 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.

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

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**Board Action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 5, 2019. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted.

**3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS:**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Board Action:** Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted.

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

- **Matt Weise, Prosecutor,** informed the board about a non-profit program, Superior Child Advocacy Center, which he is the director on the boards of director. It's a specialized center for children who are victims of sexual and physical violence. It provides one location where children can meet with medical professionals and forensic trained interviewers that are specialized with children. This program is progressing and now includes a location and by-laws. Will continue to keep the board updated.

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 1, 2019 through February 14, 2019 which was \$663,419.56; and Bi-weekly payroll for the period ending February 9, 2019 which was \$653,962.07. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

**Board action:** Comm. Nordeen recommended check #189201, dated 2/08/19, \$167.83 ~ payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted – Abstained: Comm. Alholm

**7. PUBLIC HEARING: NONE**

**8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:**

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- a. **MAC Proposed By-Law Changes**
- b. **William W. Carlson Resignation: Negaunee Township Supervisor**  
\*Chairperson Corkin commended long time Negaunee Township Supervisor, William W. Carlson for a nice job. He will be missed in Negaunee Township!

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to accept informational items a - b for filing. Second by Comm. DeRocha. Motion adopted. (6-0)

**10. ACTION ITEMS:**

- a. **County Treasurer, Anne Giroux – Annual Reports**

**Anne Giroux, Marquette County Treasurer,** was present and distributed to the Board copies of the 2018 Annual Reports for the Marquette County Treasurers Office, Marquette County Land Bank Authority and Marquette County Brownfield Authority.

**Marquette County Treasurers Office 2018 Annual Report**

- Parcels turned over to the Treasurer's office from local township/city treasurers that were delinquent along with the forfeitures, which is one year after the date of delinquencies, were both down. We're typically below the state foreclosure rate.
- The average maturity of the County's portfolio is 1.95 years at 12/31/2018 which is down approximately 4 months from this time last year. This shortening of the maturities in the portfolio was deliberate, mainly to provide liquidity for the Medical Care Facility Expansion Project. Maintaining a ladder of investments with varying maturities has always been and continues to be the Treasurer's strategy. The goal is a stable return on investments from a portfolio that can withstand interest rate fluctuations with safety as the overall guiding principle.
- Accomplishments for the office is active in Foreclosure prevention and assisting tax payers, and heavily marketing the Step Forward Michigan program. Treasurer's office continues to offer a 1 year hardship extension to people that qualify.

**County Land Bank Authority**

- Grant funding received for blight elimination efforts has been over 1.3 million dollars.
- Transforming Neighborhoods
  - In 2018 the Land Bank Authority facilitated the purchase, clean up and ultimate sale of a Brownfield site in the City of Ishpeming. The Authority purchased the property and secured a \$200,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. After removing the three underground storage tanks on the site, removing contaminated soils and demolishing the blighted structure, the property is ready to be developed and will be transferred to the purchaser in early 2019.
  - A tax foreclosed property in the City of Marquette had a failing roof system and water damage throughout the house. Demolition was the only viable option The Land Bank sold the property to Habitat for Humanity, partnered on the demolition of the house and Habitat build a new house while retaining the existing garage for a new family.

**County Brownfield Authority**

- An EPA grant of \$400,000 was received, and closed out in 2018 after all funds were spent.

*\*Commissioners all took time thanking Anne Giroux for a job well done; and accepted all reports given by the Treasurer for filing. Reports are available for review in the County Treasurer's Office upon request.*

**b. Remonumentation Recommendations Work Program 1-Year Extension**

**Scott Erbisch, Administrator**, was present to explain the following information provided by Neil Lynch, Marquette County Monumentation and Remonumentation Representative, Mr. Lynch advised that work for the Marquette County Remonumentation Grant Program contract dated 2016 through 2018 has been recently completed. The contractors that were hired to do the work, AECOM and North Country Engineering, are competent, contentious and always have the County's and the Programs long term best interests in mind. The 2019 Marquette County Remonumentation Work Program will be conducted in the same geographic areas as the 2018 Work Program. (Powell and Wells/Ewing). Recently the County was notified that the State has moved the deadline for the completion of each years work up by 30 days.

With the current Planning Manager unable to assist with the development of a new RFP for Surveying, this creates time complications in issuing, reviewing and awarding a new three-year contract to meet the new due date standard. It is the County's goal to give the Contractors as much time as possible to complete their work. Staff and the County Remonumentation Representative respectfully request that the Board authorize a one-year contract extension with the current Remonumentation contractors to cover the 2019 Program in Powell and Wells/Ewing Townships.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve a one-year contract extension with AECOM and North Country Engineering for the scheduled 2019 Marquette County Remonumentation work. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

**c. Aging Services Advisory Committee Terms & Appointment**

**Chairperson Corkin** read the memo regarding terms of the Aging Services Advisory Committee were approved by their board as follows:

- 1-Professional Field of Geriatrics: Joan Haara (Terms ends 12/2019)*
- 1-Social Services Professional: Don Kristola (term ends 12/2020)*
- 4-At Large: Darlene Allen (Term ends 12/2020)*

*Lynn Emerick (term ends 12/2019)*

*Edith Prosen (term ends 12/2019)*

*Carol Holmgren (Term ends 12/2020)*

*1 Business & Financial Management Professional: Vacant (term ends 12/2019)*

Also, for consideration an application received Karl J. Lehmann to fill the Business & Financial Management Professional vacancy.

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to appoint the new terms as stated above; and appoint Karl J. Lehmann to the unexpired term ending 12/2019 – Business & Financial Management Professional Representative. Second by Comm. Depetro. Motion adopted (6-0)

**d. Economic Development Corporation Change & Appointment**

**Chairperson Corkin** read the memo requesting a change in the EDC Board. Currently, Amy Clickner, serves on the board representing the Hospitality and Retail sector. EDC wants to change her sector to represent Utilities and Transportation. An application from Tracy Magnuson was received to fill the Hospitality and Retail sector.

*\*Amy Clickner – Utilities and Transportation*

*\*Tracy Magnuson – Hospitality and Retail*

**Board action:** Comm. DeRocha moved to appoint Tracy Magnuson to fill the Hospitality and retail Sector and move Amy Clickner to the Utilities and Transportation Sector. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

**e. Second Amendment to Subrecipient Agreement with Northern Initiatives**

**Scott Erbsich, Administrator**, stated the following: in 2013 Marquette County agreed to transfer all of its remaining Economic Development Corporation Revolving Loan funds to a qualified lender. This transfer was part of a State of Michigan directed initiative. Had the transfer not taken place, the revolving loan funds would be returned back to the state. Northern Initiatives of Marquette was identified and approved by the State of Michigan to become the recipient of the Revolving Loan funds in this region.

At the October 15, 2013, County Board of Commissioners meeting the County Board approved proceeding with the formal transfer of the Revolving Loan funds and agreed to enter into a Subrecipient Agreement with Northern Initiatives. The Subrecipient Agreement with Northern Initiatives was extended with the First Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement through October 31, 2018.

The purpose of the new agreement is to extend Section II, Paragraph I “Time of Performance” to June 30, 2021. The existing agreement in all material respects, is the same as the original with the exception that references and updates certain statutory regulations to reflect current requirements. The changes in the second amendment have been reviewed by Civil Counsel and are no cost to the County.

**Board action:** Comm. Nordeen moved to approve the Second Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement and authorizing the County Board Chairman to sign the document. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

**11. LATE ADDITIONS**

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

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

- **Chairperson Corkin** stated Governor Whitmer was in town for the weekend which was nice to see, breath of fresh air for Upper Michigan. Spoke regarding the tax tribunal term which is up for appointment.
- **Comm. Nordeen** thanked staff for keeping the board updated with overcrowding of the jail. There is still a need to look for a resolution.
- **Comm. DePetro** congratulated the winner of the 30<sup>th</sup> U.P. 200, Ryan Anderson of Cushing, Wisconsin. This was Ryan’s seventh win and his 30<sup>th</sup> year of racing.
  - ❖ The Fat Tire Race was also held this past weekend with over 300 racers. This resulted in a higher volume of traffic and visitors because of the activities occurring in Marquette County.
  - ❖ Elected officials and residents had a chance to attend a meet and greet Friday evening and Saturday with Governor Whitmer and Lt. Governor Gilchrist.

- ❖ Asked fellow commissioners to remind residents in their district to adopt a fire hydrate near their home due to the recent amount of snow fall. As a majority of fire hydrates are buried under snow and time needed to locate fire hydrant can hinder rescue efforts.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:39 p.m.

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**Tonya Nelson**  
**Deputy Marquette County Clerk**

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