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**REGULAR MEETING – TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 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. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm & Chairperson Corkin.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held August 5, 2019 as presented; Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

**3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to adopt the agenda with the following addition: 11a) MB Truck Payment Update and Recommendation. Second by Comm. Derocha. Motion adopted (6-0)

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

- **Marquette County Prosecutor, Matt Wiese**, was present to report the following:

**January 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019:**

**Felonies:** 376 Felony Cases Charged YTD over 212 Days=1.774/cases charged per day; 685 Felony Charges Issued YTD 647 Felony Criminal Cases Projected in 2019

**Misdemeanors:** 655 Misdemeanor Cases over 212 Days=3.096 cases charged per day; 983 Misdemeanor Charges issued YTD 1,128 Misdemeanor Criminal Projected in 2019

**July, 2019** 163 Criminal Cases Charged – 58 Felonies and 105 Misdemeanors

**January 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019** 247 Felony Drug Cases, 127 involving Methamphetamine; 192 OWI Cases, 36 Felony OWI Cases; 149 Home Invasion, Larceny/Retail Fraud Cases, 40 Felony; 99 Domestic Violence cases, 28 felony strangulation or felony assault; 78 Assaultive Crimes, 16 felony assaults; 61 Felony Assaulting or Obstructing Police Officer; 30 Felony Criminal Sexual Assault felonies; 29 Felony MDOC Felony cases, 20 assault on CO, 7 weapon, and 2 contraband cases; 17 Child Abuse Cases, 5 felonies; 3 Felony Armed Robberies; 1 Felony Unarmed Robbery; and had 13 jury trials.

- **Undersheriff, Dan Willey**, was present to report the following:

287 Calls for service, 160 Citations written, 38-Car accidents, 8-Criminal Sexual Conduct Investigation, 10-Assault complaints, 4-Retail Fraud complaints, 21-Drug Complaints (14 of which were for possession or sales of Methamphetamine), 10-OWI/OUID arrests, 221 civil papers received and 189 served.

**\*Community Events:** Lake Michigamme Fireworks-Traffic and crowd control, Negaunee City Fireworks-Traffic and crowd Control, Republic Fishing Derby-Crowd control.

**\*Training:** CIT update and Accident Investigation

**\*Search and Rescue:**

○ Training: Dive Training-Tow Bar-Johnson Lake

○ Lost Hikers/Call for assistance: Squaw Lake-Disabled boat and Missing Swimmer-Schwietzers Basin

○ Public safety classes, events and inspections: Marquette Food Fest, Lake Michigamme Fireworks-Marine Patrol, Teal Lake Diabetes Swim-Marine Patrol and Teal Lake Fireworks-Marine Patrol

**\*Rescue 131:**

○ Training: CR 550 – High Line Rope Rescue

○ Calls for Assistance: Tilden Twp – Water Rescue, Ishpeming Twp – Structure Fire, Marquette Twp – Rope Rescue – Dead River Falls, Forsyth Twp – Possible House Collapse and Sands Twp – Personal Injury Accident

**\*Jail:** 192 persons booked into the jail (134 males & 58 female), 185 persons released (134 males & 51 females), Avg. Daily Population 125, Highest count 136 on July 30<sup>th</sup>, Lowest count 118 on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Count today: Main-92, Detention Center-35, Alger-1 (10 Feds), Avg. daily count in July: Main Jail-89, DC-29, Federal Inmate -8.7, 2 inmate on inmate assaults, 2 inmate assaults on staff.

**\*Started work crew this Monday at the Landfill - 4 workers three times a week.**

**6. REVIEW OF CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS:**

**Board action:** Comm. Nordeen moved to approve of the total expenditures for the period August 2, 2019 through August 15, 2019 were \$616,521.97; (this amount does not include check payable to Alger-Delta Electric); and Bi-weekly payroll for the period ending August 10, 2019 which was \$682,632.00. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to approve check #193584, dated 8/16/19, \$2,024.84 ~ Payable to Alger-Delta Co-Op Electric. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (5-0) Abstention: Comm. Alholm

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

**8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT**

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- a. **MCSWMA – Regional Recycling Facility**
- b. **Dept. of Agriculture & Rural Development-Right to Farm Program**
- c. **Dept. of the Army – Public Notice**

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

**10. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a. Resolution Opposing Co. Comm. Candidates from Disclosing Their Party Affiliation on Ballots  
Resolution Opposing Legislation to Prevent County Commissioner Candidates from Disclosing Their  
Party Affiliation on Ballots Provided to Michigan – Voters Board of Commissioners**

*WHEREAS, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC), of which Marquette County is a dues paying member, stated MAC is considering a change to Michigan election law; and*

*WHEREAS, this change in Michigan law would force candidates for the office of County Commissioner to run as a “non-partisan” candidate and would prohibit said candidates from disclosing their party affiliation on ballots provided to Michigan voters; and*

*WHEREAS, preventing disclosure of a candidate’s party affiliation needlessly restricts and censors information that Michigan voters have traditionally relied upon to help them select a candidate who shares their values; and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed change to Michigan election law is not needed as current Michigan law already permits County Commission candidates to withhold information about their party affiliation from being print on ballots provided to Michigan voters; and*

*WHEREAS, under the current law, Commissioner Candidates are able to run for office without being affiliated with a political party and disclosing their affiliation, by running as an independent candidate.*

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby support providing Michigan voters with full information about their candidates for County Commissioners, and hereby oppose forcing a candidate for County Commissioner to run as a “non-partisan” candidate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners hereby request copies of this resolution be sent to State Senator Ed McBroom, State Representative Sara Cambensy, State Representative Gregory Markkanen, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan Counties, within two weeks of the passage of this resolution.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to adopt the resolution opposing legislation to prevent County Commissioner Candidates from disclosing their party affiliation on ballots provided to Michigan. Second by Comm. Adamini. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. Alholm, Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Chairperson Corkin. Nays: Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-1)

**b. Recommendation to Close Intermediary Relending Program Loan**  
**Scott Erbisch, Administrator,** was present to explain the following: As part of the Air Force Base conversion, Marquette County applied for and borrowed \$1 million dollars from the United States Development Agriculture (USDA) to establish an Intermediary Relending Program (IRP). State funds were used as part of the required matching funds.

The IRP funding was originally designed to be specific to K.I. Sawyer as gap financing for higher risk loans for existing or new businesses. The loans could be used for Land and Building Acquisition, Leasehold Improvements, Machinery and Equipments etc... As loans were paid back, those dollars would be used for additional loans. All of the original funding has been loaned out. All remaining funding is funding that has been paid back with interest. There is approximately \$640,000 in the IRP fund. The principle balance on the USDA loan is approximately \$332,000. The county makes an annual payment of \$41,130 to USDA. The annual payment includes both principal and interest.

Several years ago, the Marquette County Board of Commissioner approved expanding the number of Communities eligible to use the IRP funds. They included the Cities of Negaunee and Ishpeming and Forsyth and Richmond Townships. Notices were sent to the City Managers and Township supervisors about the loan program. A follow-up was also sent. To date, no loans have been sought. The last new loan approved through the IRP was in 2014. There are two loans still outstanding. One with a balance of \$1,823 and the other with a balance of \$33,657. Assuming that both loan recipients continue to pay as required by the loan documents the loans will be paid off (\$1,823) in October of this year and (\$33,657) in 2028.

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to close the IRP loan program. To close the County would use \$332,000 of the existing IRP funds to pay off the remaining balance and an approximate \$1,500 remain in the IRP fund to cover loan servicing provided by Northern Initiatives and any remaining IRP funds will be determined at a later discussion. Second by Comm. Derocha. Opposed~Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (5-1)

**c. AIP 2019 Grant Acceptance and Resolution**

**Duane DuRay, Airport Manager**, was present to explain the following:

Marquette County is in receipt of the 2019 Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant administered through the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This grant requires approval and signature before being returned to the FAA prior to August 23. This AIP grant will provide funding to purchase a 6X6 runway snow plow with an underbody scraper and material spreader to enhance snow removal operations and replace aging snow removal equipment. The cost breakdown for this project is provided below.

**Project**

- 6X6 snow plow with underbody scraper and material spreader to include design and bidding: \$519,130

Grant 3-26-0153-4319 amount:

- Federal Share: \$467,217
- State Share: \$ 25,957
- Local Share: \$ 25,956
- Total: \$519,130

Marquette County's local share is budgeted through the Capital Improvement Fund budget line item and will be reimbursed through the Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) and is programmed in the most current PFC application.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve for signature the FAA AIP Grant Agreement No: 3-26-0153-4319 and authorize Chairman Gerald Corkin, Civil Council and the County Clerk to provide signatures for the grant documents. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT BY THE MARQUETTE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN, AND THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FEDERAL AND STATE AID FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAWYER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UNDER FEDERAL PROJECT NUMBER 3-26-0153-4319.**

*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 Agreement for the development of Sawyer International Airport, and that such Contract Agreement shall be as set forth hereinafter;*

*Section II. That Gerald Corkin, Chairperson of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Contract 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 Contract Agreement referred to herein shall be as attached.*

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**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to adopt the FAA and MDOT Resolutions for Grant Agreement No: 3-26-0153-4319. Second by Comm. Adamini. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes: Comm. DePetro, Comm. Derocha, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Nordeen, Comm. Alholm & Chairperson Corkin. Nays: None. Motion adopted (6-0)

**d. Request for Network Upgrade for Back-up Dispatch Center**

**Gary Johnson, Central Dispatch Manager**, was present to explain the following: Central Dispatch has a back-up center located in the Marquette City Police Department. We have a single CAD station there and a point to point connection on our fiber network. The point to point network relies on a router located at our primary location. This has not been an issue in the past as the Post has had a reliable generator back-up system. However, the State has been working through some issues with the Post's electrical system. The facility has under gone several remodels since the mid 1970's and the wiring system was never designed for a modern communications center. This has led to a failure of the UPS in the server room. In addition the water table at the Post has risen to levels we have never seen and this spring the sump pump ran for the first time in anyone's memory. Water was coming into the drain tile system unit late July. All of the servers are currently located in the basement as well.

Due to these issues the State is looking at options to address these problems. The most likely solution will be the construction of server room above grade and electrical upgrades to the communications center. The earliest these changes would happen is in the spring of 2020. These issues make it necessary for us to enhance our back-up center. We anticipate that when repairs are made at the Post we will need to work from Marquette PD for an extended period of time. The Peninsula Fiber Network can provide an independent connection for Marquette PD at a cost of \$387 per month and a onetime installation charge of \$350. Also, we will need to retain the point to point connection because we use it to access the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN), this is the system we use to enter warrants, check driver's status, message other agencies, etc. Lastly, with this change we will be able to add a second CAD workstation (we have a spare CAD workstation) which will improve our workflow.

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to approve the upgrade to the CAD network at our back-up 9-1-1 center at Marquette PD with expense being incurred by the Central Dispatch budget. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (6-0)

**e. Request for Upgrade to Administrative Phone System**

**Gary Johnson, Central Dispatch Manager**, was present to explain the following: Central Dispatch's administrative phone lines have been traditionally part of the Michigan State Police PBX phone system, which



was managed locally. However, in recent years the State has installed a single IP phone system for all State facilities which is now managed out of Lansing. During a recent heavy rain event, on a Sunday, we had water enter an equipment room and it disabled a fire wall that was connected to our 9-1-1 call handling equipment. This firewall is in place between the admin phones and our County equipment, which meant we lost all of our incoming and outgoing administrative phones. Fortunately this did not impact our 9-1-1 lines. We do have the ability to “call forward” our admin lines to our back-up at Marquette PD but on this occasion that system was down as well. This call forwarding feature was setup with AT&T by Lansing and the account is with the State of Michigan. We spent nearly 10 hours on Sunday trying to get someone from Lansing or AT&T to restore the call forwarding feature and we were unsuccessful. We do have a cell phone in Dispatch that allowed our staff to operate, the primary concern is alarm answering services from outside of our area use our admin line to call in alarms. We contacted as many of these companies that we have records for and gave them our alternate number. We ended up going over 24 hours without our admin phones. This current system is not working for us and we need to return to local control of our phone lines.

Our 9-1-1 call handling equipment from West Safety Solutions is capable of serving as a PBX for us and the Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN) can provide the phone lines we need. We do not need to purchase any additional equipment from West Safety for this upgrade we do however need to purchase three software licenses (one for each workstation), have the phone lines connected, and our system configured for the new functions. West Safety is the only vendor that can provide this upgrade, any other vendor would need to install new hardware and the cost would be far greater. PFN is a UP based company and they currently provide our 9-1-1 trunks and CAD fiber network. We know that we can contact them 24/7 and they start working on the issue immediately.

Central Dispatch has quotes from both West Safety and PFN to transition us from the State of Michigan phone system, which we have no control, to a system that we have control of and a good track record of service from these vendors.

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to amend waiving any requirements for seeking competitive bids. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (6-0)

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to approve three licenses, reconfiguration and training from West Safety for a one-time fee not to exceed \$11,592.15 and to install five trunks from PFN with a one-time fee not to exceed \$250.00 and each truck costing \$23 per month for a total recurring monthly cost of \$115.00. These expenses would be incurred into Central Dispatches budget. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**f. Support for Michigan Department of Rural Affairs and Development**

**Scott Erbsch, Administrator**, was present to explain the following: Amy Clickner, Executive Director of the Lake Superior Community Partnership (LSCP), has reached out to Marquette County and is seeking consideration to support the creation of a Michigan Department of Rural Affairs and Development (RAAD). The intent of the department would be to focus on Rural Michigan initiatives. Conceptually, this initiative makes sense and seems worthy to support. However, if created the department needs to be fully supported by the Governor’s office both in mission and fiscally to have a chance at having an impact.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to support the Michigan Department of Rural Affairs and Development (RAAD) initiatives. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**g. Recommendation for Spaceport Consultant**

**Steve Schenden, Director of Sawyer Operations**, was present to explain the following: County Staff is recommending hiring Explorer Solutions of Plattsburg, New York to assist with understanding Spaceport needs and preparing a submittal once a Request for Information (RFI) is received from Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association (MAMA). Sawyer International Airport has received a proposal from Explorer

Solutions to assist with a submittal to MAMA at a cost of \$21,800.00. A copy of the proposal is available for review at the Airport Services Center or the County Administrators office.

The main points of the proposed scope of work are:

- Review of small satellite market and establish contacts.
- Review of existing spaceports and compare needs to existing land and infrastructure.
- Identify gaps and provide options for solutions.
- Regulatory review for spaceports.
- Explorer Solutions will not complete this type of project for other possible sites in Michigan

Boreal Aviation has committed to providing \$5,000.00 of their marketing funds to the project when their new contract takes effect in September 2019. Lake Superior Community Partnership has obtained a \$1,000.00 grant from UPCDC to offset the costs. Staff continues to look for other partners to defray the costs. The remaining cost of \$15,800.00 would come from the Professional Contract Services budget.

The Airport Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed the proposal at the August meeting. The committee voted unanimously to recommend the County Board accepts the proposal with the contributions from Boreal Aviation and UPCDC. Members Frank Rosado and Steve Rodgers were not present.

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to amend waiving any requirements for seeking competitive bids. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve the contract with Explorer Solutions not to exceed the amount of \$21,800.00 to assist with efforts to establish a space port at Sawyer International Airport. Second by Comm. Derocha. Motion adopted (6-0)

**h. Ecologic Mobile Foam Test System for ARFF Vehicles**

**Duane DuRay, Airport Manager**, was present to explain the following: Over the past several years, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has realized the potential environmental and health risks associated with polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS). PFAS is an active ingredient in the current firefighting foam that is used in firefighting vehicles at commercial airports across the country and this foaming agent has no replacement product at this time. Per Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations, commercial airports that have scheduled air carrier service must test their firefighting foaming equipment every six months. To complete these testing, airports must discharge the foaming agent for testing purposes to insure the equipment functions in accordance with the federal regulations. Without the use of the proper equipment, testing will create environmental contamination that may require clean up in the future and could cost a substantial amount of money.

To limit the amount of liability and exposure to Michigan airports, Michigan Department of Transportation, Aeronautics (MDOT Aeronautics) is providing a reimbursable program in the amount of \$22,106 which allows specific airports to purchase specialized equipment to assist in this testing process to meet the FAA requirements.

Michigan Aeronautics has been working closely with E-ONE, a company that will provide the necessary equipment, training, and installations for the airports. A negotiated price with E-ONE was reached and Michigan Aeronautics agreed to provide funding to outfit one firetruck per airport with the necessary equipment, plus all necessary training.

Sawyer staff contacted E-ONE requesting a quote for the necessary equipment and training for two fire trucks. The E-ONE quoted price will outfit two firetrucks; provide shipping, training and installation with a total cost of \$30,662. The cost breakdown of the installation of the equipment can be seen below.

**ECOLOGIC OEM Mobile Test Cart Pricing Structure**

Complete ECOLOGIC Test Cart assembly w/ hoses and Storz fittings featuring 110v electrical and programming (Qty: 1)	\$19,550
Truck modification components for plumbing to allow testing on ARFF vehicles (Qty: 2; \$2,556/each)	\$5,112
Crates, packaging and shipping for the cart and all modification parts	\$3,000
Required vehicle modification, training and initial setup of each vehicle for an estimated one week period	\$3,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,662</b>

After reimbursement through the State, the local share will be **\$8,556**.

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to amend waiving any requirements for seeking competitive bids and to approve the purchase of the mobile foam test system equipment from E-ONE for an amount not to exceed \$30,662 and seek reimbursement for \$22,106 of the State of Michigan's share of the equipment. Second by Comm. Derocha. Motion adopted (6-0)

**i. Marquette County Flying Club Request for Hangar Reduction Request**

**Duane DuRay, Airport Manager**, was present to explain the following: In June 2017, the Marquette County Flying Club (MCFC) President, Mr. Greg Durand, made a presentation to the Airport Advisory Committee on the benefits the MCFC brings to the Airport and the surrounding community as a nonprofit organization. Mr. Durand followed up with a request for support to reduce the hangar lease rate on two t-hangars the club leased from Marquette County. The Committee supported the request, which was then brought to the Marquette County Board for consideration. The Commission approved a \$50/month reduction in rent to the MCFC for the two t-hangars lasting 24 months. This hangar reduction expires in August 2019. Mr. Durand made another presentation to the Airport Advisory Committee at the August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting requesting to extend the hangar fee reduction. Mr. Durand provided additional information about the activities and value the MCFC brings to the airport and the community.

- The MCFC provide scholarships to area youth to pursue a private pilot license;
- MCFC pilots fly over 100 youths free of charge annually with the EAA Chapter and the Young Eagles Program;
- For over five years the MCFC provided instructors free of charge for the aviation club at the Bothwell school;
- MCFC will begin another after school aviation club at Marquette Senior High School starting in 2020;
- Annually the MCFC partners with the Sands Model Airplane Club to support the Bothwell 7<sup>th</sup> grade Bay Cliff Camp with a week-long aviation camp for 20 kids.

Mr. Durand is requesting a \$25 reduction in the monthly hangar lease rate for each of the three t hangars they lease. The Advisory Committee supported the request with the caveat that any reduction would be reviewed on an annual basis when the Committee reviews all of the fees and charges every April.

Current T-hanger monthly fee:	\$350
<u>Reduction requested:</u>	<u>\$ 75</u>
Monthly T-hanger fee:	<u>\$275</u>

Annual revenue reduction under the current request: \$900. Additional benefits include additional aviation fuel sales and aircraft operations.

**Board action:** Comm. Nordeen moved to provide a \$75 monthly rent reduction for the Marquette County Flying Club and on an annual basis the fee reduction would be reviewed by the Airport Advisory Committee during the April Fee and Charges review meeting. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

**11. LATE ADDITIONS**

**a) MB Truck Payment Update and Recommendation**

**Scott Erbish, County Administrator, Duane DuRay, Airport Manager and Civil Counsel** were all present to explain the following: Earlier this year the FAA allowed a company to challenge the bid specifications for an airport broom truck. As the County Board is aware, County staff followed all normal procedures with MDOT Aeronautics and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). After all approvals were met, the broom truck was placed under contract with MB Company and ordered in October of 2018. Because of the challenge to the bid specifications, the County with the assistance of Mead and Hunt worked out a solution with the FAA to continue the purchase of the broom truck from MB Company. The FAA verbally agreed that the County could use Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) funds to pay for the truck. However, the process to modify the required paperwork has taken longer than expected.

A check of \$599,170 is waiting to be sent. The check is being held as the County continues to wait for the FAA to finalize the amendment process to allow for the use of the PFC funding. The amendment process is

underway. It takes at least 30 days to work through this process. The County expects formal approval within the next week or two. Airport Manager Duane Duray is confident the process is moving forward appropriately. MB Company states that since June 21, 2019, it began losing \$67 per day. MB has been patient and is expecting payment before August 29th. If received by August 29, 2019, MB will waive any potential penalties and fees. If not received, it will need to look at legal options.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved if the FAA has not finalized the required amendment by the morning of August 23, 2019, to allow staff to release payment of not to exceed the amount of \$599,170 to MB Company that afternoon. Second by Comm. DePetro. Opposed~Comm. Derocha & Comm. Nordeen.  
Motion adopted (4-2)

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

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

- **Chairperson Corkin**, Governor Whitmer was in town last week attending the meeting at the Ski Hall of Fame where she announced 3 million for the ski industry in the U.P., particularly Pine Mountain Resort for World Cup and money for Marquette and Gogebic for Nordic and ski jumping. The Governor gave an outline of the budget proposal. Also a good attendance by Commissioners for the MAC conference one discussion point was re-districting.
- **Comm. Alholm**, attended a meeting which was in conjunction between Red Cross, UP Director, Salvation Army, MarqTran, Marquette Housing Commission and the Marquette County Preparedness. The meeting focused on finding placements for people within the shelter ran by Red Cross at Lake View Arena, as a result of a fire at Pine Ridge Apartments. Most of these individuals were placed with family/friends but initially there were about 40 that were in the shelter. It appeared that 24 individuals still needed housing at the meeting today they were down to five individuals. It was great to watch the cooperation, brain storming and problem solving that occurred.
- **Comm. Adamini** thanked Prosecutor, Matt Weise, for his report and glad he will be supplying a report every month. The information will help provide some areas needed by the Prosecutor's office.
- **Comm. DePetro** commended the Marquette County Flying Club President, Greg Durant, for all the activities he does for the community.
  - **Also**, met with Governor Whitmer on August 15 at the Marquette Food Co-op; the Governor discussed many issues pertaining to Lansing and how she is working toward the 2020 budget.
  - **Also**, attended the MAC Conference along with Chairman Corkin, Comm. Derocha and Comm. Adamini. It was well attended with over 300 elected officials from 83 Counties. The meeting addressed concerns pertaining to their counties as we enter into the 2020 fiscal year.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

**15. ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before the County Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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**Tonya Nelson**  
**Chief Deputy Clerk**

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