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**EQUALIZATION MEETING – TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 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 Equalization Meeting held on April 9, 2019. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted.

**3. PROCLAMATION, PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

**Board Action:** Comm. Alholm moved to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Comm. Nordeen. 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. Adamini moved to approve the total expenditures for the period March 15, 2019 through April 4, 2019 was \$1,253,552.60; and bi-weekly payroll for the period ending March 31, 2019 were \$1,253,552.60; and Bi-weekly payroll for the period ending March 31, 2019 was \$686,491.84. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

**8. PRIVILEGED COMMENT:**

**a. Undersheriff Dan Willey gave the following monthly update:**

**Special Operations/Search & Rescue/Dive Team/ 131**

- Calls for Service – 3 snowmobilers’ personal injury accidents; training – Mock search using Life Tracker Equipment & CPR/AED Training.

**Road Patrol**

- 239 Calls for Service; 6 OWI/OUID; 3 Larceny; 53 Traffic Accidents; 7 Retail Fraud; 2 Criminal Sexual Conduct; 11 Assaults; 2 Controlled Substances; Civil Papers – Received (271) – Served (220) --- Training: Cpl. Hart and Cpl. Kurin completed Medical Examiner Investigator, Dep. Vance Completed ARIDE training, and Department started legal update yearly training.

**Rescue 131**

- 2 structure fires, 2 personal injury accidents; training: Radiation response & Natural Gas response.

**Jail:**

- March average daily population 127 --- Body Scanner has been delivered and is just about ready to go/should be operational in a couple more weeks.

**b. MSUE Extension – Presentation**

**Brad Neuman, Senior Extension Educator** was present to update commissioners on some training that are coming up. These trainings are offered as part of a project implemented by Dr. Sabine Martin, a leader in the Culture of Health Leaders program, a national leadership program supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. For more information concerning these trainings and how to sign up go to [Neuman36@msu.edu](mailto:Neuman36@msu.edu).

- Another training being offered for Municipalities across the State of Michigan is the Fiscally Ready Communities (FRC) June 20, 2019 from 1-4 PM held at City of Marquette Office on Wright Street.

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- a. Correspondence from State Representative Sara Cambensy**
- b. Regional Recycling Project**
- c. Marquette Solid Waste Authority – Survey Participants**
- d. Resignation – Solid Waste Authority**
- e. MDEQ Air Quality Pending Permit**
- f. Michigan Works – Supporting HB 4227**
- g. Gogebic Co. Resolution – Supporting HB 4227**
- h. Baraga Co. Resolution – Supporting HB 4227**
- i. Marquette Solid Waste Authority – Countywide Millage Request**

**Board action:** Comm. Adamini moved to accept informational items 9(a-i) for file. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**10. ACTION ITEMS:**

**a. Presentation by Equalization Director of the Recommended Valuations for the 22 Assessing Units.**

**1. Possible Comment by any Assessing Unit Representative**

**Jacki Lykins, Equalization Director**, was present to explain the Personal & Real Property totals; Real Equalized Valuations; Assessed Valuations; and Percent Changes in the Assessed Values from 2018 – 2019.

**2. Board Discussion**

**3. Board Action to Establish the Equalization Valuations per L-4024**

**Board action:** Comm. Derocha moved to establish the following Equalized Valuations per L-4024 as presented by the Equalization Director. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**Marquette County**

Statement of acreage and valuation in the year 2019 made in accordance with Sections 209.1 - 209.8 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

| Township or City         | Number of Acres Assessed     | Total Real Property Valuations |                       | Personal Property Valuations |                       | Total Real Plus Personal Property |                       |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                          | (Col. 1)<br>Acres Hundredths | (Col. 2)<br>Assessed           | (Col. 3)<br>Equalized | (Col. 4)<br>Assessed         | (Col. 5)<br>Equalized | (Col. 6)<br>Assessed              | (Col. 7)<br>Equalized |
| Champion                 | 80640                        | 25175700                       | 25175700              | 943693                       | 943693                | 26119393                          | 26119393              |
| Chocoday                 | 40320                        | 292591600                      | 292591600             | 3568040                      | 3568040               | 296159640                         | 296159640             |
| Ely                      | 90240                        | 80614500                       | 80614500              | 3758073                      | 3758073               | 84372573                          | 84372573              |
| Ewing                    | 32000                        | 12629150                       | 12629150              | 1023084                      | 1023084               | 13652234                          | 13652234              |
| Forsyth                  | 115200                       | 192734939                      | 192734939             | 21649618                     | 21649618              | 214384557                         | 214384557             |
| Humboldt                 | 61440                        | 36824000                       | 36824000              | 3824684                      | 3824684               | 40648684                          | 40648684              |
| Ishpeming                | 56960                        | 133845400                      | 133845400             | 7190300                      | 7190300               | 141035700                         | 141035700             |
| Marquette                | 38400                        | 315687100                      | 315687100             | 16603600                     | 16603600              | 332290700                         | 332290700             |
| Michigamme               | 92800                        | 58012700                       | 58012700              | 1416975                      | 1416975               | 59429675                          | 59429675              |
| Negaunee                 | 26160                        | 182883000                      | 182883000             | 46393239                     | 46393239              | 229276239                         | 229276239             |
| Powell                   | 106240                       | 138550000                      | 138550000             | 1144157                      | 1144157               | 139694157                         | 139694157             |
| Republic                 | 76800                        | 80363729                       | 80289654              | 3762693                      | 3762693               | 84126422                          | 84052347              |
| Richmond                 | 37120                        | 23619500                       | 23619500              | 3027281                      | 3027281               | 26646781                          | 26646781              |
| Sands                    | 46080                        | 97913950                       | 97913950              | 4018800                      | 4018800               | 101932750                         | 101932750             |
| Skandia                  | 46080                        | 32269800                       | 32269800              | 1125100                      | 1125100               | 33394900                          | 33394900              |
| Tilden                   | 60160                        | 46664400                       | 46664400              | 8707414                      | 8707414               | 55371814                          | 55371814              |
| Turin                    | 53760                        | 9222300                        | 9222300               | 219600                       | 219600                | 9441900                           | 9441900               |
| Wells                    | 101120                       | 33287658                       | 33287658              | 21004422                     | 21004422              | 54292080                          | 54292080              |
| West Branch              | 23040                        | 40080000                       | 40080000              | 188800                       | 188800                | 40268800                          | 40268800              |
| Ishpeming                | 0                            | 124708100                      | 124708100             | 12272051                     | 12272051              | 136980151                         | 136980151             |
| Marquette                | 0                            | 804119550                      | 804119550             | 41377400                     | 41377400              | 845496950                         | 845496950             |
| Negaunee                 | 0                            | 121338600                      | 121338600             | 4219185                      | 4219185               | 125557785                         | 125557785             |
| <b>Totals for County</b> | <b>1184560</b>               | <b>2883135676</b>              | <b>2883061601</b>     | <b>207438209</b>             | <b>207438209</b>      | <b>3090573885</b>                 | <b>3090499810</b>     |

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| <b>Assessed Values</b> |                      |                      |                       |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Township/City</b>   | <b>2019 Assessed</b> | <b>2018 Assessed</b> | <b>Percent Change</b> |
| Champion Township      | 26,119,393           | 26,862,700           | -2.77%                |
| Chocolay Township      | 296,159,640          | 290,382,080          | 1.99%                 |
| Ely Township           | 84,372,573           | 82,579,600           | 2.17%                 |
| Ewing Township         | 13,652,234           | 13,516,151           | 1.01%                 |
| Forsyth Township       | 214,384,557          | 212,406,725          | 0.93%                 |
| Humboldt Township      | 40,648,684           | 39,712,950           | 2.36%                 |
| Ishpeming Township     | 141,035,700          | 139,724,058          | 0.94%                 |
| Marquette Township     | 332,290,700          | 308,947,400          | 7.56%                 |
| Michigamme Township    | 59,429,675           | 62,775,500           | -5.33%                |
| Negaunee Township      | 229,276,239          | 185,788,800          | 23.41%                |
| Powell Township        | 139,694,157          | 135,508,150          | 3.09%                 |
| Republic Township      | 84,126,422           | 85,749,495           | -1.89%                |
| Richmond Township      | 26,646,781           | 26,159,050           | 1.86%                 |
| Sands Township         | 101,932,750          | 96,980,579           | 5.11%                 |
| Skandia Township       | 33,394,900           | 33,144,450           | 0.76%                 |
| Tilden Township        | 55,371,814           | 54,564,062           | 1.48%                 |
| Turin Township         | 9,441,900            | 9,303,000            | 1.49%                 |
| Wells Township         | 54,292,080           | 55,344,615           | -1.90%                |
| West Branch Township   | 40,268,800           | 39,353,850           | 2.32%                 |
| Ishpeming City         | 136,980,151          | 133,089,988          | 2.92%                 |
| Marquette City         | 845,496,950          | 859,166,400          | -1.59%                |
| Negaunee City          | 125,557,785          | 121,982,987          | 2.93%                 |
| <b>County Totals</b>   | <b>3,090,573,885</b> | <b>3,013,042,590</b> | <b>2.57%</b>          |

| <b>Taxable Values (Tentative)</b> |                      |                      |                        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Township/City</b>              | <b>2019 Taxable</b>  | <b>2018 Taxable</b>  | <b>Percent Changed</b> |
| Champion Township                 | 20,964,248           | 21,448,440           | -2.26%                 |
| Chocolay Township                 | 223,489,393          | 215,466,556          | 3.72%                  |
| Ely Township                      | 60,491,931           | 58,028,194           | 4.25%                  |
| Ewing Township                    | 9,722,792            | 9,413,479            | 3.29%                  |
| Forsyth Township                  | 182,112,097          | 183,033,589          | -0.50%                 |
| Humboldt Township                 | 29,788,437           | 29,331,046           | 1.56%                  |
| Ishpeming Township                | 112,024,445          | 108,561,458          | 3.19%                  |
| Marquette Township                | 263,011,650          | 245,844,556          | 6.98%                  |
| Michigamme Township               | 40,509,599           | 40,394,156           | 0.29%                  |
| Negaunee Township                 | 194,871,114          | 150,341,432          | 29.62%                 |
| Powell Township                   | 84,017,612           | 81,035,422           | 3.68%                  |
| Republic Township                 | 60,186,012           | 59,622,237           | 0.95%                  |
| Richmond Township                 | 18,467,846           | 18,496,454           | -0.15%                 |
| Sands Township                    | 82,745,883           | 79,598,489           | 3.95%                  |
| Skandia Township                  | 25,609,856           | 24,966,469           | 2.58%                  |
| Tilden Township                   | 32,977,694           | 31,523,825           | 4.61%                  |
| Turin Township                    | 5,664,490            | 5,545,971            | 2.14%                  |
| Wells Township                    | 42,200,567           | 41,203,567           | 2.42%                  |
| West Branch Township              | 30,508,141           | 29,923,835           | 1.95%                  |
| Ishpeming City                    | 121,306,820          | 119,488,574          | 1.52%                  |
| Marquette City                    | 700,516,935          | 723,804,172          | -3.22%                 |
| Negaunee City                     | 105,416,347          | 102,282,278          | 3.06%                  |
| <b>Totals for County</b>          | <b>2,446,603,909</b> | <b>2,379,354,199</b> | <b>2.83%</b>           |

Ms. Lykins thanked the Equalization Staff for doing an exceptional job, stating her staff works hard & are very dedicated.

**b. Northern Michigan University Concession Agreement**

**Steven Schenden, Director of Sawyer Operations**, was present to explain the following: Northern Michigan University (NMU) has been Sawyer International Airport's concessionaire since November of 2013. NMU took on this responsibility after nearly three years without a concessionaire. NMU looks at this endeavor as a way of building awareness and marketing for the University as well as support for the Sawyer International Airport. However, the costs to operate have well exceeded revenues. Unfortunately, NMU has not realized any profit and has been operating in a deficit. Last year the deficit was \$18,650.19, and the county contributed \$10,000 to help cover the deficit and keep the snack bar open. The deficit has stayed around the \$17,000 to \$20,000 since NMU has been in operation of the snack bar.

The current Concession Agreement is set to expire on April 30, 2019. With the exception of a payment for NMU's utility usage, the County does not receive revenue from this operation. The County felt that given the difficulty in finding a vendor for this service, and the importance of providing airport users a needed service, it was more important to enter into an agreement that provided for the best opportunity for the vendor to be successful. In an effort of cooperation, and for NMU to continue to provide this service, NMU has asked for continued consideration for financial support. After discussion with NMU representatives, staff is recommending that the County continue the Concession Agreement to pay \$10,000 each year for providing concession services for the next two years of operations (May 1, 2019, through April 30, 2021).

Northern Michigan University has established a professional concession service with healthy food choices, snacks, and university apparel and gifts. We have been pleased with the quality of its operations.

**Board action:** Comm. Nordeen moved to continue the Concession Agreement with Northern Michigan University Dining and Conference services for the airport terminal snack bar and contribute \$10,000 each year towards operating expenses for the period of May 1, 2019 through April 30, 2021. Second by Comm. Alholm. Motion adopted (6-0)

**c. FY 2019 Grant Revision – Community Corrections**

**Amy Peters, Community Corrections Coordinator**, sent the following memo: Marquette County Community Corrections is asking for approval for a revision to the FY2019 Office of Community Corrections Grant. Initially, Marquette County was awarded \$18,000 for a Domestic Violence program for felony offenders incarcerated and in the community. Due to the lack of referrals for this program and the jail overcrowding issue, Community Corrections is asking to move the \$18,000 awarded funding to Pretrial Supervision. This new initiative is for felony offenders and would include Electronic Monitoring, as recommended by the Judge. The Marquette County Community Corrections Advisory Board feels that this new initiative would help with reaching our targeted population, utilizing our awarded funding and also impact the jail overcrowding issue.

**Board action:** Comm. DePetro moved to approve the revision to the FY2019 Office of Community Corrections Grant moving the \$18,000 awarded funding to Pretrial Supervision. Second by Comm. Nordeen. Motion adopted (6-0)

**d. 2020 Census – Complete Count Committee**

**Lisa Hammill, Assistant to the County Administrator**, will be the coordinator of the 2020 Census County Committee, bringing key members of the community together to form this committee. The 2020 Census provides an opportunity for everyone to be counted. Tribal, state, and local governments, community based organizations, faith-based groups, schools, businesses, the media, and others play a key role in developing partners to

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educate and motivate residents to participate in the 2020 Census. The Complete County Committees (CCC) program is key to creating awareness in communities all across the country. **\*\*\*Marquette County and Traverse City have the highest self-reporting in Michigan for the Census.**

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to set up a 2020 Census County Committee. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**e. Airport Authority Appointment**

**Linda Talsma, Clerk**, stated the following: Edward Glasgow, Airport Advisory Board, (Fixed Based Operator) has resigned from the Board. Mr. Glasgow stated Walter Paegel would be a good fit for this position, along with Steve Schenden. With that said an application from Walter Paegel was received to fill the vacancy position, this position is limited to a very narrow group of individuals, due to their role on the board.

**Board action:** Comm. Alholm moved to appoint Walter Paegel to fill the unexpired term ending 12/31/2020 - Fixed Based Operator Position on the Board. Motion adopted (6-0)

**f. Brownfield Authority Appointment**

**Linda Talsma, Clerk**, stated the following: Bill Carlson, Negaunee Twp. Supervisor decided to retire after many years of service which has left a vacancy on the Brownfield Authority (local government position). At the last Marquette County Township Association (MCTA) a vote was taken to appoint Kristin Thornton, Ishpeming Twp., Treasurer, so fill this vacancy. I have attached the minutes along with the application from Kristin for your consideration.

**Board action:** Comm. Derocha moved to appoint Kristin Thornton to fill the unexpired term ending 7/31/2020 to the Brownfield Authority. Second by Comm. Adamini. Motion adopted (6-0)

**g. Tax Tribunal Board Recommendation**

Chairperson Corkin read the following letter to Governor Whitmer: It is our understanding that consideration for appointments to the Tax Tribunal Board are being made at this time for an at-large member. On behalf of the Marquette County Board, I would like to recommend David Maturen, former representative from the 63<sup>rd</sup> District.

Mr. Maturen is an excellent candidate based on his experience with valuation and taxation as a business owner of a Portage-based real estate appraisal firm. He holds a Michigan Certified General Real Estate Appraiser license, a Real Estate Broker license, and the SR/WA designation from the International Right of Way Association. Prior to starting his own business, Dave worked for 13 years for the Property Tax Division of the State Treasury Department and is a former member and officer on the Michigan Board of Real Estate Appraisers and the Appraisal Foundation in Washington D.C.

Furthermore, as a legislator, Mr. Maturen served on Financial Liability Reform (2017-2018), Natural Resources (2017-2018), Tax Policy (2015-2016, and 2017-2018/Vice Chair), and Transportation and Infrastructure (2015-2018) Committees.

Based on his vast experience and expertise, along with numerous statewide accolades, we believe appointing David Maturen to the Tax Tribunal would be to the benefit of Michigan residents, small business owners, and local government.

Sincerely, Gerald O. Corkin - County Board Chairman

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**Board action:** Comm. Derocha moved to support the letter recommending David Maturen to be appointed to the Tax Tribunal. Second by Comm. DePetro. Motion adopted (6-0)

**11. LATE ADDITIONS – None**

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

- **Darlene Allen, League of Women Voters Representative**, stated the League supports strong and accurate census and would be available to help in any way & possibly have some members sit on the census committee.
- **Matt Wiese, Prosecutor**, invited the public to the new Domestic Violence - open house held on April 11, 2019 from 1-3 PM; 328 Commando Street, Sawyer.

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

- **Chairperson Corkin** announced that (Chairperson Corkin, Comm. Adamini, Scott Erbisch, Comm. DePetro) attended the ribbon cutting for the U.P. Health System, the hospital should be open for business the beginning of June. Many State and Federal Elected Officials along with over 200 other local residents were in attendance.
- **Comm. DePetro** announced (Comm. DePetro, Comm. Adamini, Comm. Derocha, Scott Erbisch) attended the MAC conference March 25-27<sup>th</sup> in Lansing. During the seminars & discussions it was clear all 83 Counties are feeling the same pain with the reduction in revenue sharing from our Washington and Lansing Representatives. Overall it was a very productive meet and greet with our fellow elected county commissioners.
- **Comm. DePetro** requested support of his fellow commissioners for the Sawyer Airport Manager, Duane DuRay as he continues to promote Sawyer Airport as an excellent site for the future spaceport that would launch low earth orbit satellites into space. The site selection according to the “Michigan Aerospace Manufacturers Association”.
- **Comm. Depetro** congratulated the Marquette American Legion Post 44 - AA Hockey Team (under 14) an excellent showing in New York & on a fantastic season.

**14. CLOSED SESSION**

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

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**Linda K. Talsma**  
**Marquette County Clerk**

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